

## **ESTABLISHING BRYAN COLLEGE 1925-1930**

The following news articles were all from 1925-1930. Some one at the college, likely immediately after the opening of the college, collected these articles. They came from all over the country. They are housed in five archival boxes, each about one foot by two feet, and deep enough to enclose 60 cardboards of the same size. On each cardboard there is glued eight to ten articles. There are many duplicates in the collection. The compiler typed the name of the paper, the city, and the date for each article. All of them have been scanned, and are available in the Bryan College Library.

These article described every aspect of the beginning of the college, starting with the establishment of the William Jennings Bryan University Association whose job was to make the plans and organize the financial campaign to begin the university, now named Bryan College.

In this collection are representative articles that discuss different phases of beginning the college. They are, (1) The Issues involved; (2) The Beginnings of Bryan University; (3) Fund Raising for the University; (4) Location of the School; (5) the Ground Breaking; (6) Contributions of the Bryan Family; (7) The Supreme Kingdom, one of the more interesting contributors; (8) Dr. John R. Neal, a local protagonist; (9) Critics of the University; and (10) Opening the School in 1930.

## I. THE ISSUE

These articles discuss the philosophical reason for the desire of many in the 1920s for a "Fundamentalist" education.

One article speaks of the spread of atheism in America. "The philosophy of atheism is to be planted in the minds of Youth." "Godless children shall have an opportunity to emancipate their companions from unreasonable religion.

Aside from the growing voice of "modern science," the nation was embroiled in the well-known debate about evolution, putting fundamentalist Christians against the atheists. Opinions were being expressed by many people and organizations. Biblical interpretation of the origin of man was affirmed by several of these articles, including the World Christian Fundamentalist Organization, the Methodists, Presbyterians, and others.

One observer, Dr. H. H. Roop, summarized the situation by saying, "Modern, free-thinking teachers in most of our universities are giving their attention chiefly to moral reform and social betterment and are indifferent to the old-fashioned beliefs in real religion as found in the Bible."

Georgian,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
May. 4, 1927

# WOULD BAR ALL TAINTED SCHOOLS

By MILDRED SEYDELL.

Colleges and Universities in America were kicked about like a football in action by the World's Christian Fundamentalists, when, at their Tuesday morning session, each speaker in turn took a crack at these revered seats of learning. "Far better be it that the youth of the land grow up in ignorance than to run the serious risk of losing their morals and religion in a godless institution which teaches modern science, particularly the theory of evolution," was the gist of what was said.

One good Presbyterian brother took the floor, at the general discussion. He stated a young man had come to him for advice, the youth had been offered money to send him to the University of Georgia and he wanted advice as to whether to accept the offer.

"Make it a matter of prayer. I told him," the Presbyterian continued. "Shortly after he came back to me and said: 'I have decided not to take the money until the donor will send me to a Godly college, where I shall only hear the fundamental truths of the Bible.' Brothers, there is a great power in prayer. That same young man later found a scholarship in a school where he won't be contaminated with the teaching of evolution."

## MANY COLLEGES TAINTED.

It seems only 100 out of all the higher institutions of learning in the United States are safe places for parents to send their children. These colleges and universities have joined the fundamentalists and are 100 per cent pure. "There are," declared Rev. W. B. Riley, president of the Fundamentals' Association, "150 others where the majority are with us." Then he told this story: "I was raised on a farm and we used to pack apples in a barrel to keep through the winter; if one apple in that barrel was spoiled we had great fears for the rest. I, for one, am against taking in any of these 150 institutions. We must take no chances."

It was reported that \$600,000 have been pledged in the last 18 months for the Bryan Memorial University. "At this moment," the speaker said, "ground is being cleared on the hill at Dayton, Tenn., where the school will be located which will teach the word

of God and the ideals of Bryan."

This university will be connected with the "Fundamentalist Foundation for Advancement of Fundamental Education," which is to be the outcome of a new plan to further the interests of the fundamentalists. The headquarters probably will be in Chicago, it was announced by Professor J. D. Luckey, president of Houghton College. The foundation will minister to the needs of fundamentalist schools and colleges already existing and those to be organized in America.

An attempt will be made to raise \$25,000,000 for the venture.

## RELIGION OUT OF STYLE.

This foundation will try to put religion back in style. Professor H. U. Roop, of Wheaton, Ill., lamented the terrible conditions in our schools.

"Religion has gone out of style, both with faculty and graduates," he declared.

"Students refuse to take things on faith alone. They accept nothing unless proved in the laboratory."

"The line of conversation has changed—free love, psycho-analysis, Freud are common. Religion of the kind accepted without argument is considered old-fashioned."

It is these dire conditions which the fundamentalists wish to destroy, they are saying at their meetings at the Baptist Tabernacle.

Professor Roop pointed out that many college students today have a distorted sense of the true values of life, a doubtful set of morals and an outfit of nerves and complexes that keep them miserably swamped, unbalanced.

He continued in bemoaning the epidemic of suicide in the universities. "This small regard for human life on the part of its owners is worse than the murders wherein America leads. As a sign of the times, it portends more than all of the unrest, crimes, the strikes, even the wars we have encountered."

## DECRIES SUICIDES.

Professor Roop has conducted investigations concerning youthful suicides. He has come to the conclusion that a lack of moral and religious training in the homes, churches and institutions of learning are the dominant factors in this hideous state of affairs. "If we keep telling young men and women they are animals, they will act like animals," he shouted.

Some timid soul in the audience asked what species of animals were in the habit of taking their own life. But Professor Roop either didn't hear him or else he declined to answer.

"We are losing God in our education—that is the situation today," he went on, pleading that it be taught that God is a person and not a force.

Professor Roop declared that about a month ago he was at the Palmer House in Chicago, when a thousand or so teachers and parents were gathered and where an assortment of shocking suggestions concerning standards of morality, teaching and behavior were given at a conference on "The Child." At this conference, Professor John B. Watson, formerly of Johns Hopkins, said very pointedly that if he were given 100 bits of squirming human protoplasm, called babies, he could make out of them any pattern of personality ordered. For there is no consciousness, no mind, no images or desires in their philosophy, all is gotten from observation.

## NOT ENOUGH RELIGION.

Another speaker of the occasion, according to Professor Roop, was Professor Kirkpatrick, of the University of Iowa. He spoke on sex evils. Concerning nudity, he said "There is no reason in fundamental human nature why the uncovered body should not be exposed to the public, especially when it is beautiful, and probably customs and conventions may change so that this may be possible."

Professor Roop accuses such teaching for the terrible depraved conditions in our schools.

Professor Roop asserts that modern, free-thinking teachers, in most of our universities, are giving their attention chiefly to moral reform and social betterment and are indifferent to the old-fashioned beliefs in real religion as found in the Bible.

They consider such doctrines as those of God and immortality of very little importance, or at least, of much less importance than questions of material improvement and reform.

Log Cabin  
Cynthianna, Ky.  
July 11, 1930

## EVOLUTION DIRECTED

(From Lexington Leader)

Professor Arthur Compton, one of the great physicists of the world who was awarded the Nobel prize recently, collaborating with another eminent scientist, Professor Heisenberg, Leipzig, declares that the evolution of the universe and of the human race is in no sense a chance affair, but is an orderly process directed by a superintending and all-powerful intelligence.

This seems so obvious to the ordinary man that it sounds like a truism. Yet many scientists have not considered it axiomatic by any means, and it has been often disputed. Materialistic evolution has either rejected or ignored the idea of a divine creator. It has not considered it necessary to postulate God. It has conceived a mechanistic order, a universe self-created, self-sustained, and self-evolved through countless aeons of time.

Professor Compton, however, does not simply state the old theistic conception of creation and in a dogmatic fashion propound the theory of a divine creative process and order. He has approached the problem from the scientific standpoint and has arrived at his conclusion by a study of phenomena. He and Professor Heisenberg have advanced the idea, based upon their investigations, that the old uniformity hypothesis upon which the mechanistic view of the universe rests is not sound and both men declare that a new principle of "uncertainty" must be recognized which, in turn, compels human intelligence to assume the existence of a higher directing mind behind the multifarious and mysterious phenomena of nature.

The new physics must admit the possibility of mind acting on matter, and it suggests that the most important fact in the world is the presence and the activity of mind in its various manifestations. This conception, Professor Compton urges, throws new light on the evolutionary process and gives greater significance to human life. The world and man are not developing in any random manner. He finds evidence which leads him to the conclusion, on the other hand, that there exists a supreme "directive intelligence" and purpose behind everything, with the creation of intelligent minds and the perfection of moral character as the great goal.

To quote his own words:

In some reflex actions and habitual acts we may behave as automats, but where deliberation occurs, we feel that we choose our own course.

In fact, a certain freedom of choice may, it seems to me, be considered as an experimental fact with which we must reconcile our theories.

If freedom of choice is admitted, it follows by the same line of reasoning that one's thought are not the result of molecular reactions obeying fixed physical

laws. For if they were, his thoughts would be fixed by the physical conditions, and his choice would be made for him. Thus, if there is freedom, there must be at least some thinking possible quite independently of any corresponding cerebral process.

On such a view it is no longer impossible that consciousness may persist after the brain is destroyed. An examination of the evidence seems to support the view that there is no very close correspondence between brain activity and consciousness. It seems that our thinking is partially divorced from our brain, a conclusion which suggests, though of course does not prove, the possibility of consciousness after death.

The theory of some of the evolutionists that chance variations of all kinds have been going on some of which being better suited to conditions would survive while others, less fitted to environment, would perish, and that this largely accounts for the phenomena of the present world, is more and more difficult to defend.

Professor Compton says in this connection: "To the physicist it has become clear that the chances are infinitesimal that a universe filled with atoms having random properties would develop into a world of infinite variety such as we find about us. This strongly suggests that the evolutionary process is not a chance one, but is directed toward some definite end. If we suggest that evolution is directed, we imply that there is a directive intelligence."

So he declares that a survey of the universe brings us to the conclusion that, after all, nature's greatest achievement is man. While there are many millions of bodies in space a planet is a rare thing, and a planet on which it is possible for life to exist even more rare. So that it seems clear that, in spite of his physical insignificance, an intelligent person is of the greatest importance in the cosmic scheme. It must also be admitted that the most important thing about man is character, and its perfection is the great aim.

If the development of human personality is the chief end, what shall nature do with man when he is perfected? ask Professor Compton. "Shall he be annihilated? What infinite waste."

Piedmont  
Greenville, S.C.  
Nov. 2, 1925

## METHODISTS FOR FUNDAMENTALISM

Abbeville, Oct. 31.—(AP).—A memorial to the General Methodist Episcopal conference meeting next May seeking to have that body instruct teachers, preachers and instructors in the Methodist institutions throughout the South reaffirm their faith in the great fundamental principles of the church was adopted by the upper conference at its session here today. The memorial was presented by Judge C. C. Featherstone, of Greenwood.

Another resolution presented by Judge Featherstone praised Bishop Denny and placed in the record books the appreciation of the conference of his work. The resolution was unanimously approved. Lex Klutz, Near East relief director, presented the cause of the little Armenians to the conference and then presented Bishop Denny with a gavel made from an olive tree from the Mount of Olives and made in a Nazareth shop in Palestine.

The report of the statistical committee showed that during the year the upper conference had lost approximately 400 members this being the first time since the division of the conference that a loss had been sustained.

Collections for the year totalled \$94,467 or a decrease of \$6,000 from last year. Mrs. J. Fuller Lyon of Columbia, treasurer, reported.

Pastors elected elders today were J. S. Edwards, of Pelzer; J. V. Robertson, Gilbert charge; R. H. Webb, Newberry; W. F. Harris, Richburg; R. F. Cogburn, Rock Hill. Mr. Cogburn was passed to the class but he was already an elder.



Ft Morgan, Colo

TIMES

Mar 20, 1927

A BRYAN MEMORIAL is proposed to be erected by voluntary contributions from the citizens of the country. It is proposed that the memorial in honor of William Jennings Bryan will portray some of the characteristics of the great commoner for which he was known in the experiences of his quasi-public career.

It is unusual in the history of this country that a private citizen should be so recognized by the people of the nation generally. It may be proper to speak of Bryan as a private citizen yet he was more influential than some of the presidents have been. From the year 1896 when he made his first campaign for the presidency up to the time of his death he was the most influential private citizen of his time. Like other great men he lived ahead of his generation. His greatness was not appreciated until after his death. Bryan's influence will continue to be felt in the citizenship of the country for long years and it is very appropriate that a monument be erected in his honor.

Few men followed their political and religious convictions as strictly as did Bryan. Regardless of the consequences for the moment he adhered to his beliefs which was responsible for his temporary defeat, as men usually consider defeat. He didn't win the particular objective which he set out to win but by his devotion to conviction he won greater victories than he otherwise could have won.

Bryan had enemies because of his political views, because of his moral attitude, and because of his persistency for the cause he believed was right. His enemies were made because he was the obstacle in the way of the success of men who had motives less worthy than he. It is great credit to a man to have such enemies.

Despite the opposition that Bryan had in politics, moral issues, and big interests, there has been no private citizen in the history of the country who held the attention of the people of the nation so closely during a long period of years as did William Jennings Bryan. A public official holds attention because of the public concern in him. Bryan held attention because of his personality and great power through his devotion to a cause.

Cookeville, Tenn

HERALD

Mar 21, 1927

## SAYS EVOLUTIONISTS SHOULD SUPPORT BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Dayton, Tenn., March 15 (Special) — Henry E. Colton, Nashville lawyer and one of the defense attorneys in the Scopes case following which William Jennings Bryan died here, says evolutionists should support the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, in spite of its expressed anti-evolution principles. "Education," says Mr. Colton, "is more important than any one of its elements or subjects."

With his letter to the Bryan Memorial University Association, here expressing his view, Mr. Colton enclosed a check for \$100 which is the popular subscription unit in the campaign for the university. To quote briefly from the letter:

"Those who believe in the teaching of evolution should not withhold their support from your university.

"Education is more important than any one of its elements or subjects. Your University will serve our mountain people. They are intelligent and independent but lack educational advantages."

\* \* "I therefore take pleasure in enclosing a small check and wish you all success.

"While differing with Bryan's views on some subjects, I concur fully in the general view that many of the great reforms carried into effect by Roosevelt and Wilson were first made popular by Bryan, and that the country is deeply indebted to him for his share in bringing these reforms about."

Tuskegee, Ala

March 24, 1927

## EXPLAINS PRINCIPLES BEHIND BRYAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Dayton, Tenn., March 22. — In the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton Tennessee, which is to open next fall with a class of 200 freshmen, the Bible will be supreme authority. All teachers elected to the faculty of this university must first give assurance that they believe the Bible to be infallible, — the inspired word of God. Science courses will be offered but nothing will be taught that tends to cast doubts upon the historicity or infallibility of the Holy Bible.

The above facts are given by the York Evening Post in the recounting of a recent interview with Malcolm Lockhart, director of the \$5,000,000 campaign for Bryan University. When asked what urge it is which prompts the men who are establishing the Bryan Memorial University, for which Governor Peay of Tennessee broke ground last November, Mr. Lockhart, according to the Evening Post, laughed and prefaced his explanation with a story.

"I could tell you of a college professor who told his students about a certain species of gnats that are said to be virgin born," he said. "He asked his pupils if their virgin birth indicated that the gnats were Gods."

"That is the sort of thing that Christian parents face in sending their children to most of our modern universities. We are not teaching Christianity in the tax-supported schools of Tennessee," he said, "but neither will we allow anti-Christianity to be taught. We intend to protect the hearts of our children in faith of their fathers who pay taxes.

"The evolutionary theory in an exact sense is not science," Mr. Lockhart declared. "No scientist contends it proven that any species has ever been evolved from another, nor has any self-perpetuating new species ever been produced.

"Science is full of errors. Within the past century a physician who did not distinguish between laudable pus and malignant pus would have been laughed at as an ignoramus. Today any physician who thought there was such a thing as laudable pus would be thrown out of the profession.

"Here is another argument," Mr. Lockhart continued. "As we see the phenomena of nature today nothing improves without cultivation by superior intellect. A neglected rose garden soon returns to its primitive state. Blooded stock soon degenerates without the superior intellect of man. Take Africa for instance. The savage negro tribes there had no spiritual life throughout the ages, and they have not improved in thousands of years. Some being, that is super-human has to furnish the ideals that keep the human race from degenerating."

Democrat  
Columbia, Tenn.  
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### BRYAN UNIVERSITY

(Chattanooga Times).

Ground was broken at Dayton on Friday by Gov. Peay, on behalf of its promoters, for the erection of the Bryan Memorial university, the first institution to be undertaken in the United States devoted directly to the doctrine of Protestant fundamentalism in religion and especially dedicated to carrying on the intensive and extensive warfare on "modernism" as involved in the doctrine of evolution, begun by its patron saint—William Jennings Bryan. The memory of the famous Scopes trial at Dayton in which Mr. Bryan engaged with all his energy, heart and mind, finally losing his life, many believe, because of the strenuous activity with which he pursued his vision, is fresh in the minds of the readers of this newspaper. It will be remembered that shortly after Mr. Bryan's death his faithful friends and devoted followers—perhaps more numerous and more unwavering in their loyalty than any group of admirers ever before attached to an American politician—conceived the idea of building a great university to bear his name and to be erected on the spot where he gave the greatest manifestation of the faith that was in him and where he, practically, forfeited his life in defending his ideals.

It is not ours to question in any way the wisdom or the expediency of this undertaking. Any institution devoted to the cause of education and learning has the full endorsement and cordial support of this newspaper; and especially would we not in the slightest way lessen the wonderful entitlements of Mr. Bryan to the love, affection and esteem of the thousands of people of the country who thought with him and recognized him as one of the greatest leaders of his day—in politics, in statesmanship and finally in religious exaltation. It is both meet and proper that his sincere admirers show in this way the high character and generous sincerity of the emotions that have inspired their impulses to do him honor and to perpetuate the doctrines he held. The Bryan Memorial University will stand or fall in the years that shall come, as the doctrines it is designed to inculcate and to teach shall stand or fall before the progress of science and spiritual enlightenment which all of us realize is approaching for a moral combat with the "ancient faith." At Bryan university there will be found, it is hoped, the strongest and most convincing men of the fundamental faith, and that there, in large measure, will be fought out the respect of this institution when he said: "There is no doubt that Bryan university should take its place among the 'notable' institutions of the South and the nation." It will be notable above the rhetoric and the eulogies man will hasten to apply to the name and memory of the Commoner—it will be notable because those who enter its classrooms will be assured from

the start that they will not be forced to listen to the "heretical doctrines calculated to undermine the foundations of the church," and that theory of evolution will be anathema throughout the whole course of the curriculum.

The projectors of Bryan university have a right to expect and to demand from the fundamentalists of the country generous financial support because it will be the only institution in the country where fundamentalism, and fundamentalism alone, will be taught.

New York, N.Y.

HERALD-TRIBUNE

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### The Scopes Case Again

In the hullabaloo that was raised over the Scopes case many wild cries were uttered. Various amateur and professional liberals appointed themselves Paul Reveres and began to ride over the country with warnings that free religion and free speech were in danger, that an established church was in the offing and that the free development of science was at an end. These charges will doubtless be revived now that the Supreme Court of Tennessee has upheld the constitutionality of the famous "monkey bill."

Now, if the free growth of scientific wisdom was in any degree obstructed or retarded by the Tennessee law this excitement would have been justified. The whole country should have uprisen and damned a return to the Dark Ages. Similarly if the law had silenced all teaching or mention of evolution in the State of Tennessee. As a matter of fact, the law did none of these things. It applied only within schools or colleges supported by the taxpayers. It tied the tongue or pen of no one outside of teaching activities. Books supporting evolution circulate freely within that state precisely as they have always circulated. The sky is still the limit, so far as public debate and discussion go. To assert that there is grave peril to science or religion in such a limited regulation of teaching in certain kinds of institutions seems more like hysteria than science.

If it be argued that the time to halt such a mistaken and an unintelligent tendency as that exhibited by the State of Tennessee is when it first shows its head, the answer is, we think, that the spirit of truth is never well served by exaggeration. Neither principles of law nor progress can be built around extravagant charges excitedly uttered. Instead of damning wholesale the State of Tennessee, it might be better worth the while of our intellectuals to examine the popular teaching of evolution and see how faithfully it conveyed the truth of science to the average mind. In the late warfare between science and religion the mistakes were not restricted to one side. The decision of the Tennessee Supreme Court has much calm sense and far-sighted constitutional logic to support it.

New York, N.Y.

WORLD

1-17-27

### TOO IMPORTANT A CASE TO QUASH

"We see nothing to be gained," say the justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court regarding the Scopes appeal, "by prolonging the life of this bizarre case." Their verdict is such as almost to destroy the hope of bringing it before the Federal Supreme Court. They uphold the constitutionality of the Anti-Evolution Law. At the same time they go far to deprive J. T. Scopes of his ground for a new appeal by voiding the fine against him upon a technicality, remanding the case for a new trial and virtually ordering the prosecutor to let the case die.

With due respect to the Tennessee court, there is an immense deal to be gained from prolonging the case till our highest court passes on it. The Tennessee law makes it criminal to teach in a publicly supported school any theory denying the "Divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals." If such a law can stand, scientific truth is in danger in every State where ignorant men can obtain a legislative majority. Three main constitutional objections have been made to the Tennessee statute. It is held (1) that it gives a discriminatory preference to religious establishments of a Fundamentalist character; (2) that it violates the "due-process" clauses of the State and Federal Constitutions, and (3) that the Legislature exceeds its power over public instruction when it requires the falsification of a branch of science duly authorized in the schools.

The case should be fought out to a completely decisive result. We ought to know whether it is constitutional to make a mere mediæval interpretation of the Bible the yardstick of twentieth-century education; to erect a Fundamentalist state religion. The Tennessee court makes little concealment of its distaste for the statute; it even hints at a way to evade it. But its action in the case is highly unfortunate.

Sentinel  
Jesup, Ga.  
August 14, 1930

## Proof Of Spreading Atheism In America

**T**HAT THE rapid spread of Atheism in America is apparent is evidenced by an announcement, recently, of a Junior Atheist League which is under the Auspices of The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism with headquarters in New York City. The announcement is in the form of a tract issued by the association and is published in sufficient quantities to furnish any one with as many as one may ask for. "The philosophy of atheism is to be planted in the minds of youth," states the tract, and they claim "the increasing number of Atheists, with the consequent demand for trained workers, makes the league a necessity." Herewith is reproduced portions of the tract is question:

"The philosophy of Atheism is to be planted in the minds of youth.

"In response to many requests for increased activity among young people, the Junior Atheist League is established. Godless children shall have an opportunity to emancipate their companions from unreasonable religion.

"The League will remove boys and girls from the evil influence of the clergy. It will encourage them to protest against Bible reading and religious worship in public schools and agitate against religious instruction during school hours. Children shall be told the truth about the Bible and Christianity. The magical, animistic, and phallic, or sexual, origins of religion will be explained in simple language.

"The attainment of happiness in this world rather than bliss in a world to come shall be taught the rising generation as the chief end of man. Dispelling the illusion of immortality, the League will free sons and daughters from the fear of hell and the hope of heaven. Sacrifice for post-mortem consideration will be shown to be criminal folly.

"The increasing number of Atheists, with the consequent demand for trained workers, makes the League a necessity. Locals will be formed wherever an organizer can be secured. Four members will be recognized as a local. Stress will be laid on forming branches in high schools, as these will prepare students to serve as organizers of Damned Souls societies during college years and for effective work thereafter in combating the church.

"A comprehensive program has been arranged. Picnics and outings, clean and healthful good times, will take the place of stultifying Sunday schools. Fellowship and solidarity will be promoted among members and friendships made for the future. Science classes and essay contests will be held. A special course for those over twelve years age will be given in public speaking by a man who has been called one of the few great orators of the century. Monthly lessons will be mailed. Educators in the A. A. A. will supervise the instruction. Morality based on the findings of modern science will supersede belief based on the speculations of ancient, Asiatic theology. These lessons will be printed in large quantities for distribution by locals in recruiting members. As soon as 5,000 members are enrolled the first monthly lesson will be mailed."

Chief  
Apoka, Fla.  
Aug. 28, 1930

## The Book of Books

We hear a great deal of loose talk about the decline of religion. People are no longer interested in the ancient beliefs, so the critics of religion say. The church has lost its hold and nobody reads the Bible any more, if you believe them.

It is encouraging, therefore, to those who hold fast to the faith of their fathers, to learn from the report of the American Bible Society that more Bibles were sold and distributed last year than ever before in the history of this great organization.

The figures themselves are amazing. Eleven million, one hundred and two thousand Bibles in 179 different languages were printed and distributed by the American society last year, while the British and Foreign Bible Society in the same period distributed nearly twelve million. In the United States alone more than four million Bibles were bought by people, presumably, who wanted to read them. That does not sound as if interest in religion were dying out.

As a matter of fact, more people are reading the Bible than ever before. Whatever other religious books they read, they must have the Bible. It is the Book of Books in every sense of the word. No "best seller" ever approached it in point of sales; none of the standard classics has endured in popularity as has the Bible.

Consciously or unconsciously, almost everybody who speaks the English language quotes from the Bible almost every day. The words and phrases, proverbs and other quotations of every-day life, a good half of all the allusions in modern literature, are from the King James version of the English Bible. For that reason, if for no other, familiarity with the Bible is an essential part of the education of everybody who would call himself an educated man. One not familiar with the Book of Books loses the savor and the intimate meaning of half of the world's great literature.

We have not found any better way of expressing many of the great truths and eternal facts of life than the way in which they are expressed in the Bible. How a single phrase expresses the whole ideal of tolerance: "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." Or how has the penalty of evil-doing been better phrased than in: "Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap?"

The Bible out of date? It is the only book that is always and forever up to date. And that, beyond doubt, is the reason why it outsells all the fiction and all the philosophy of the moderns.

## II. BEGINNINGS OF BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Action on the founding and establishment of Bryan University began shortly after Mr. Bryan's death in Dayton. In early October 1925, barely two months after the Scopes Trial, F. E. Robinson had organized the Bryan Memorial University Association and had secured Malcolm Lockhart of Atlanta as director of the campaign for funds. Lockhart had previously directed financial drives for Georgia Tech, Agnes Scott College, Davidson College, and Queens College in North Carolina. The campaign slogan was "Fifty thousand fundamentalists for the faith of our fathers."

The campaign for funds-raising was also began in October 1925. It was headed locally by W. C. Bailey, owner of Bailey's Hardware Store (later Abel's Hardware Store) and assisted by W. C. Haggard, a Dayton banker, and Fred Knight, principal of the high school.

By mid-October, 1925, a charter had been obtained, and by Mid June, 1926, they had the endorsement from several groups including the Knoxville Democratic Executive Committee. By December the Association had 53 members. Among these were many nationally known people including several governors and many fundamentalist Christian leaders.

Knoxville, Tenn

SENTINEL

May 25, 1925

## Religious Educators Say Dayton Is Logical Place For Bryan Memorial

That Dayton, Tenn., is the logical place for a great memorial to William Jennings Bryan is getting to be the opinion of more and more national religious and educational leaders, according to L. H. Spilman, chairman of the Knox County Bryan Memorial University campaign.

Many interesting letters are being received at the campaign office expressing this idea, Mr. Spilman said today.

Dr. W. E. Biederwolf, director and dean of the Winona Lake Bible Conference and School of Theology, fostered by Billy Sunday, has written:

"We do honor not only to this great man, but to ourselves when we contemplate a memorial to his name. And what more fitting memorial than a university, an institution established for the dissemination of his ideals in learning, in religion and in life.

"Most certainly Dayton is the place for this institution. My own personal reason for so thinking is not because on this spot he gave his life in defense of the truth, but because it will emphasize perpetually the importance of the truth for which he did give his life."

Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, writes as follows:

"It is indeed a great pleasure to me to commend most heartily the Bryan Memorial University Association and the splendid project which it is sponsoring and directing, namely, a great memorial to one of our most outstanding chieftains of Christianity, the late William Jennings Bryan.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Knox County Woman's Christian Temperance Union a resolution was passed Monday endorsing the campaign and pledging the co-operation of this organization.

The officers of the association are: Mrs. F. E. Eisele, president; Mrs. H. M. Dobson, recording secretary; Mrs. A. C. King, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. T. Atkins, treasurer.

The Knoxville campaign for \$50,000 will be launched the first week in June, and organization of committees is now proceeding. Subscriptions so far secured towards the establishment of the university total \$420,000, according to Malcolm Lockhart, national director.

### Review

Rogersville, Tenn.  
June 3, 1926

### DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ENDORSES BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Knoxville, Tenn., May 31st—Resolutions adopted here Saturday by the Knoxville county Democratic Executive Committee endorsed in strongest terms the establishment of Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn. to honor the late William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan is referred to in the resolution as "the great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan, who was a great leader in the Democratic Party for a number of years and who rendered outstanding service to the party and to the country."

These resolutions were adopted in recognition of the substantial progress made in the campaign whereby \$425,000 has already been secured; the hearty support of the movement by Mrs. William Jennings Bryan and the organization of the Knoxville campaign on June 1st. They heartily commend the enterprise to the public and particularly to democrats.

Bra  
Camden, Ala.

Jan. 17, 1926

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY PLANS DESCRIBED

DAYTON, Ten, Jan. 11.—An attractive book of twelve pages giving the plans for Bryan Memorial University has been printed and delivered to the Bryan Memorial University Association here for use in the \$5,000,000 campaign for funds. This prospectus gives a very comprehensive explanation of the Association's object and method and will be of interest to all concerned with the establishment of this great memorial to the late Commoner.

The booklets contains several attractive illustrations, the first of which is a full page picture of the late William Jennings Bryan. In the center of the book is a double page reproduction of the proposed school plant at Dayton, Tennessee.

In the booklet an article headed, "The Birth of the Idea" explains how the idea first originated to establish a memorial university to Mr. Bryan. "On the Thursday before he died on Sunday, the article says, 'the Great Commoner walked out upon a commanding hill near Dayton with a group of Daytonians and selected a site for a junior college for boys, which he had in mind to found and promote.

After his death so closely following his great fight in defense of the faith the movement grew in conception and it was determined to launch a national drive for \$5,000,000 to found a great university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan and to stand for the faith for which he fought. Half of this amount is to be used for equipment and half for endowment. An organization was formed to found and promote the university, which secured a charter from the state of Tennessee as a general welfare corporation. An excerpt from its charter states that it is to have over to select a board of trustees for the university, every member of which shall believe in the historicity and infallibility of the Holy Bible and will affirm to the satisfaction of the association.

The building program includes erection of about fifteen large buildings. The administration building, which will be the first unit of the school, is to be located on the crest of the hill Mr. Bryan selected just before his death. A quarter of a million dollars has already been subscribed in the enterprise.



Dec 17, 1925

# UPSHAW, HULL ON BRYAN U. BODY

Georgians Accept Places on  
Memorial School Committee  
at Dayton, Tenn.

Congressman William D. Upshaw and Doctor Marion Hull, of Atlanta, have been chosen members of the national campaign committee of the Bryan Memorial University Association, of Dayton, Tenn., and have accepted, according to F. E. Robinson, president of the association.

The Bryan Memorial University Association is promoting establishment of a \$5,000,000 fundamentalist university at Dayton in memory of the Commoner. To assist in the financial campaign under way to provide funds for the university, a committee is being chosen of about 100 persons, nationally prominent or leaders in their professions.

Fifty-three citizens have accepted membership on the national committee, as follows: Governor Victor Donahey, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. D. S. Kennedy, editor Presbyterian and Herald-Presbyter, Philadelphia; Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, New York; the Rev. Durin S. Benedict, LL.D., Los Angeles; A. P. Haggard, president American National Bank, Dayton, Tenn.; Judge John T. Raulston, Winchester, Tenn.; Dr. W. H. Frazer, president Queen's College, Charlotte, N. C.; Congressman William D. Upshaw, Atlanta; Dr. Marion Hull, Atlanta; H. H. Frasa, secretary Bryan Memorial University Association, Dayton, Tenn.; Dr. D. J. Brimm, professor of Bible and religion, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C.; F. E. Robinson, president Bryan Memorial University Association, Dayton, Tenn.; Dr. Harry L. Bowby, general secretary Lord's Day Alliance, New York; Charles F. Horner, general manager Redpath Chautauquas, Kansas City, Mo.; the Rev. Orval W. Baylor, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, president W. C. T. U. of Georgia, Macon; Dr. T. C. Horton, superintendent emeritus of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles;

the Rev. Robert Jones, evangelist, Montgomery, Ala.; A. T. Stewart, Attorney General, Winchester, Tenn.; the Rev. Rudolph Caughey, Roswell, N. M.; Governor Austin Peay, Nashville; J. W. Hughes, Freeport, Long Island; the Rev. Sam A. Small, Rosslyn, Va.; Dr. Robert McCaslin, Jacksonville, Fla.; George F. Washburn, capitalist, Manomet, Mass.; Dr. C. M. Rosser, president State Medical Association, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, Chicago; W. G. Brorein, president Peninsular Telephone Company, Tampa, Fla.; Paul W. Rood, president Bryan Bible League, Turlock, Cal.; Dr. G. W. Taft, president Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago; Dr. Otho F. Bartholow, pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Dr. William D. Nowlin, pastor First Baptist Church, Arcadia, Fla.; Dr. Parley E. Zartmann, secretary National Evangelistic Bureau, Winona Lake, Ind.; Dr. Simon Peter Long, pastor Wicker Park Lutheran Church, Chicago; the Rev. William Matthew Holderby, general director of the Christian Family Crusade, Chicago; the Rev. L. W. Manhall, evangelist, Germantown, Philadelphia; Dr. J. C. Breckenridge, general secretary associate director of the Bible Conference, Winona Lake, Ind.; the Rev. R. P. Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Christ, Columbus, Ind.; the Rev. Paul Rader, evangelist, Chicago; Dr. George Wells Arms, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Minn.; Clinton N. Howard, chairman World Peace Commission, Rochester, N. Y.; J. B. Cranfill, Dallas; J. Harry Deems, author and musician, Baltimore; William Fielder, president John M. Snead Seminary, Boaz, Ala.; Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D., Springfield, Mo.; Charles G. Evans, educator, Danville, Va.; Judge J. R. Dean, Clearwater, Fla.; the Rev. Benjamin McKee Gemmill, D. C., Hartsville, Pa.; Dr. J. W. Gillon, Winchester, Tenn.; Miss Judith L. C. Garnett, author, Dunnville, Va.; Dr. J. P. McCallie, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Georgian  
Atlanta, Ga.

Sept 25, 1925

## Lockhart to Push Bryan Memorial

Malcolm Lockhart, well-known Atlanta man, who has conducted several successful campaigns, has been engaged to conduct a drive for \$5,000,000 for the William Jennings Bryan memorial and university, now proposed for Dayton, Tenn., it was announced Friday.

The campaign will be conducted from Chattanooga and Dayton, Tenn., and will be by mail and personal contact. It is planned to conduct the drive in every state of the union.

News  
Macon, Ga.

Oct. 20, 1925

## Bryan University Memorial Drive Begins October 30

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 20. (AP)—The campaign to raise \$5,000,000 to build the proposed Bryan University at Dayton in memory of the late W. J. Bryan will be launched on the evening of Friday, October 30, at a mass meeting of Rhea county citizens. This announcement was made today by Malcolm Lockhart, of Atlanta, director of finance for the campaign.

That Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York, will probably be the principal speaker was also made known by Mr. Lockhart. The meeting will be held in the public auditorium here.

A national committee now being organized will consist of one hundred prominent men and women from all parts of the country, including personal friends of the "Great Commoner" whose names were furnished the association by Mrs. Bryan.

Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.,

Oct. 4, 1925

## Bryan Memorial Committee Visits Atlanta Schools

A committee from the Bryan Memorial University association, of Dayton, Tenn., was in Atlanta yesterday inspecting local educational institutions with a view to making plans for the proposed memorial which will be erected at Dayton.

Members of the committee were F. E. Robinson, president of the association; H. H. Frasa, secretary; W. C. Haggard, a member of the executive committee of the association, and Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director.

They visited the Georgia School of Technology, Emory university, Agnes Scott college and other local institutions. Mr. Robinson stated no plans had been ordered for the proposed Bryan memorial, but that the committee had conferred with several local architects.

The visitors planned to return to Dayton on an early train today.

Gallatin, Tenn

## Campaign For Bryan Memorial University

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 18.—Establishment of a university at Dayton, where scientific courses will be in complete harmony with the literal interpretation of the Bible, is the aim of the Bryan Memorial University association as revealed by officials in announcing a campaign now under way to provide five million dollars for this purpose.

The appointment of Malcolm Lockhart, of Atlanta, as director of the campaign for funds is announced by F. E. Robinson, of Dayton, president of the association. Mr. Lockhart is an experienced and successful director of campaigns for college development, having directed drives for Georgia Tech and Agnes Scott in Georgia and Davidson and Queens College in North Carolina.

"Fifty thousand fundamentals for the faith of our fathers" will be the campaign slogan, said Mr. Lockhart, explaining that funds will be sought only from those who do not believe in evolution. Emphasizing this attitude of the association, the subscription blanks prepared for use by the solicitors recite that the subscription is given "as evidence of my interest in the fundamentals of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryan."

Explaining the relation of the Dayton association to the Bryan Memorial association recently organized at Washington, Mr. Lockhart said that the two organizations are working entirely independently. "The Washington association will memorialize William Jennings Bryan, the man, without reference to any particular phase of his life work," said Mr. Lockhart, while the Dayton association will build a memorial to Mr. Bryan's fundamentalism."

In getting this movement under way a spirit of earnest determination has been manifested which speaks well for the success of the proposition. The quota for Rhea county is \$100,000. When the county campaign has been completed a state campaign will be inaugurated, followed by a national campaign.

Dayton, Tenn

HERALD

Oct 9, 1925

## COMMITTEES NAMED FOR RHEA COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The chairmen of the various committees in connection with a campaign in Rhea county for the establishment and erection of the Bryan Memorial University here have been selected and have accepted the assignment according to an announcement by the Bryan Memorial University Association this week.

For chairman of the Rhea county campaign, Mr. W. C. Bailey, President of the Bailey Hardware Co., and director in the Dayton Bank & Trust Co., has been named. Mr. Bailey is well known throughout Rhea county as one of its leading citizens and under his leadership the campaign will be pushed in every section of the county.

Mr. W. C. Haggard will head the Large Gifts division of the campaign and there will be associated with him about twenty of the leading citizens to see the larger prospects. Mr. Haggard is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is taking a very active part in all movements looking to the

advancement of the public welfare.

For Chairman of the Womens Division, a splendid selection has been made in the person of Mrs. W. O. Hudson. Mrs. Hudson's work as a leader in the Anti-Tuberculosis movement in the county has been conspicuous and the ladies of Rhea county will rally around her to make the Womens Division of the campaign a success.

Mr. Fred C. Knight, Principal of the Rhea County High School has accepted leadership of the "Earn and Give" division. This is a movement calculated to give every school attendant in the county over a certain age a chance to participate in Rhea County's campaign to raise a hundred thousand dollars, as the nucleus of the University.

The quotas are as follows: Large Gifts Division, fifty thousand dollars. Women's Division, fifteen thousand dollars. "Earn and Give" Division, five thousand dollars.

The full personnel will be announced later.

Democrat

Grangeburg, S.C

Oct 23, 1925

CHARTER

Bryan College Chartered  
Nashville, Tenn.—An echo of the Scopes evolution trial was heard here Thursday when a charter was issued by the Tennessee secretary of state to the Bryan Memorial University association, which will build a college in Dayton Tenn., for the benefit of those unable to finance their education. The association was chartered under provisions of the general welfare clause of the state constitution.

Banner  
Nashville, Tenn

Oct 15, 1925

## BRYAN MEMORIAL CHARTER ISSUED

The Bryan Memorial University Association of Dayton, Rhea county, was granted a charter today under the provisions of the general welfare clause "for the purpose of promoting, founding, establishing and erecting Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn., to acquire real estate," etc. The charter also provides that the association may also "elect a board of trustees, every member of which shall believe in the historicity and infallibility of the Holy Bible, and shall so affirm to the satisfaction of the association."

Judge John T. Raulston, who presided at the recent Scopes case, is one of the incorporators, along with F. E. Robinson, H. H. Frasa, B. L. Morgan, F. R. Rogers, Malcolm Lockhart, W. C. Bailey, J. G. McKenzie, W. C. Haggard, Walter White, Joe W. Benson, R. W. Johnson, B. G. McKenzie, A. P. Haggard, A. T. Stewart, John L. Godsey, C. F. McDon-



**FIRST UNIT OF THE BRYAN  
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY  
WILL BE READY BY FALL**

DAYTON, Tenn., Sept. 26.—The first unit of the Bryan Memorial University will be ready by next fall, if the plans of the Memorial Committee are worked out as recently formulated in a meeting here.

A committee was selected to make application to the state for a charter of incorporation.

A body of Dayton citizens have pledged themselves to raise the sum of \$200,000 for the erection of the university, as a memorial to the Great Commoner, who fought his last fight in their midst.

The Bryan Memorial University here has no connection whatever with any other organizations in the country and has absolute control of the fund raising and the erection of the University.

A finance committee was appointed to begin soliciting subscription in Rhea county. The site for the University was selected by Bryan himself before his death and is a beautiful location, overlooking the Tennessee river valley.

Plans for the building are already underway and the work of construction will begin early in 1926.

**NOTABLES NAMED ON  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 2.—Announcement is made by the Bryan Memorial University association here of eighteen prominent persons from various sections of the United States who have been named, and have agreed to serve, on the National Committee to sponsor the \$5,000,000 campaign for Bryan Memorial University to be established at Dayton. The National Committee is to be composed of approximately one hundred persons and will be completed within the near future. Letters of acceptance are being received almost daily from prominent men and women who have been invited to serve on the committee. The following is a list of the committee as so far made up:

Gov. Victor Donahey, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. John Roach Straton, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. Durlin S. Benedict, LL.D., Los Angeles, Cal.

Dr. D. S. Kennedy, Editor The Presbyterian & Herald-Presbyter, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. P. Haggard, Pres. American National Bank, Dayton, Tenn.

Judge John T. Raulston, Winchester, Tenn.

Dr. W. H. Frazer, President Queens College, Charlotte, N. C.

Congressman William D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga.

Marion Hull, M. D. & M. S., Atlanta, Ga.

H. H. Frasa, Sec'y. of the Bryan Memorial University Association, Dayton, Tenn.

Dr. D. J. Brimm, Professor of Bible and Religion, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C.

F. E. Robinson, President of the Bryan Memorial University, Ass'n., Dayton, Tenn.

Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, Gen. Secretary Lord's Day Alliance, New York, N. Y.

Chas. F. Horner, Gen. Mgr., Redpath Chautauqua, Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. Orval W. Baylor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, President W. C. T. U., Macon, Ga.

Dr. T. C. Horton, Supt. Emeriters of the Bible Institute, Los Angeles, Cal.

A. T. Stewart, Attorney General, Winchester, Tenn.

The Rhea County Campaign to raise the first \$100,000.00 of the Bryan University fund will open Friday night, Oct. 30th, when Dr. John R. Straton, of New York nationally known orator and fundamentalist leader, will deliver the opening address of the campaign at a monster mass meeting here. Dr. Straton is a Baptist Minister having graduated from Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and studied at the Boston School of Oratory and the University of Chicago. He has held the chair of oratory and literature at Mercer University and has occupied many prominent pulpits.

The Rhea County quota of \$100,000.00 is expected to be subscribed by Nov. 10th.

Alexandria, Va

Oct 16, 1925

**Tennessee Charters  
New Bryan University**

NAASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 16.—Charter was granted today by the secretary of state to the Bryan Memorial University of Dayton. The charter provides that the trustees of the proposed institution shall believe in the historicity and infallibility of the Holy Bible and shall so affirm to the satisfaction of the association.

Journal

Atlanta, Ga.

Oct 18, 1925

## Dr. Straton to Speak At Bryan Memorial

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 17.—(P)—Dr. John Roach Straton, of New York, will address a mass meeting here October 20 opening the campaign in Rhea county for \$100,000, the county's quota in the national \$5,000,000 proposed fund for the Bryan memorial. This was announced today by F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial association.

Advertiser

Montgomery, Ala

Oct 20, 1925

## TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Move to Start Soon for Raising Five Million Bryan Memorial Fund

DAYTON, TENN., Oct. 19.—The campaign to raise \$5,000,000 to build the proposed Bryan university at Dayton in memory of the late William Jennings Bryan will be launched on the evening of Friday, October 30, at a mass meeting of Rhea county citizens. This announcement was made today by Malcolm Lockhart of Atlanta, director of finance for the campaign.

That Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York, will probably be the principal speaker was also made known by Mr. Lockhart. The meeting will be held in the public auditorium here.

Constitution

Atlanta, Ga.

Nov 1, 1925

## New York Pastor Brands Evolution As 'New Religion'

Dayton, Tenn., October 31.—(P)—Evolution was characterized as a "new religion" by Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church of New York, in a speech here which marked formal opening of the campaign to raise funds for erection of Bryan Memorial university.

Dr. Straton further characterized evolution as old-fashioned pantheism, which always tried to reduce God to a mere principle or force locked up in nature and coming to self-consciousness in the mind of man.

F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University association, presided at the meeting tonight which was attended by many citizens of Rhea county. Other speakers included Dr. W. J. Mahoney, of Atlanta, and H. H. Frasa, secretary of the association.

Dr. Straton was introduced by Dr. T. W. Calloway, of Chattanooga, as Mr. Bryan's successor in the leadership of the fundamentalist movement. The New York pastor said the chief difference between fundamentalism and evolution was that the former stood for a living God while the latter centered about a dead God. He declared that if William Jennings Bryan had succeeded in putting Clarence Darrow on the witness stand at Dayton during the Scopes trial he would have shown "what he didn't know about science and religion."

Dr. Straton said the average life of a scientific text book was ten years, as compared with the life of the Bible.

Herald

Troy, Ala

Oct. 27, 1925

## \$5,000,000 WILL BE RAISED IN DAYTON, TENN., FOR BRYAN MEMORIAL

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 22.—(I.N.S.)—Dr. John Roach Straton, noted minister of New York, will address a mass meeting here Oct. 30 opening the campaign in Rhea county for \$100,000, the quota in this county to be raised in the national \$5,000,000 proposed fund for the Bryan Memorial. F. E. Robinson is president of the Memorial Association.

Patroit  
N. Wilkesboro, N.C.  
Sep. 22, 1926

## MAY USE MOUNTAIN ROCK IN CONSTRUCTING BRYAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Dayton, Tenn., Sept. 13th.—Natural mountain rock abounding on the hills surrounding Dayton may be used in the construction of Bryan Memorial University, according to F. E. Robinson, president of the association now founding the university. A very ornamental effect can be secured, Mr. Robinson, says, by using uncut mountain rock set in reinforced concrete. Should this style of edifice be adopted by the Bryan Memorial University Association, the group of buildings, the first of which is soon to be constructed, will be artistic and unique.

The auditorium on the Assembly Grounds at Montreat, N. C., of the Southern Presbyterian Church and the Assembly Inn now nearing completion there are constructed entirely of the material under consideration for Bryan Memorial University, and the first contribution toward the building of them, according to Dr. R. C. Anderson, president of the Montreat association, came from William Jennings Bryan in the form of a check.

A committee consisting of the officers of the Bryan Memorial University Association. A. P. Haggard, mayor of Dayton, Tenn., and John A. Abel, J. B. Swafford and R. P. Jones, will drive to Montreat this week to inspect the Assembly Inn and the Auditorium there.

News  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Nov. 22, 1926

## LOCKHART SPEAKER AT W. C. T. U. MEETING

Malcolm Lockhart, national chairman for the Bryan memorial university campaign, was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Chattanooga W. C. T. U. Thursday afternoon at the Frances Willard.

Mr. Lockhart spoke on "Patriotism and Prohibition," handling his subject in a most splendid and convincing way, affirming in his preliminary remarks his belief in the prohibition amendment. The reason, he said, for most of the opposition to it is that "the individual does not want to give up drinking himself."

Mrs. D. L. Duncan, the president, presided, and after Mr. Lockhart's address, called for volunteers to assist in soliciting funds for the Bryan memorial campaign. Miss Alice Oliver responded, and will represent the union in this way. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. W. L. Moore, chairman of the program committee.

News  
Newsport NewsVa.

Oct. 26, 1926

## GIVES LIBRARY TO DAYTON UN.

Bryan University, Memorial to  
Commoner, Receives Gift of  
Library of Late Rev. Kistler.

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 26.—(P)—A gift of the library of the late Rev. A. H. Kistler, former Methodist minister of Chicago, announced here today forms a nucleus of the library for the Bryan Memorial University now being established in Dayton in honor of the late William Jennings Bryan.

The Kistler library consists of several hundred volumes of classical and philosophical volumes, as well as many others of a different nature. It was given to the university by Mrs. Kistler and her daughters, Mrs. Lola Robbins now living in Florida.

Accumulation of books for the university library will be continued until it includes 7,000 volumes, officers of the university have announced. Governor Austin Peay of Tennessee will formally receive the site for the university from its donors with appropriate ceremonies on November 5 and ground will be broken for construction of the administration building, estimated to cost \$200,000.

A memorial room to William Jennings Bryan, whose last great fight was in the Scopes evolution trial here, is planned as a feature of the first building.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen of Miami, Fla., daughter of "The Commoner," has announced she will donate a large oil painting of her father to be hung in the memorial room.

Plans for the memorial university were started following Bryan's death here following his fight to convict young John Thomas Scopes of violating the state law prohibiting the

Times  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Oct. 27, 1926

## PEAY SPEAKS AT DEDICATION OF BRYAN U., NOV. 5

Tennessee Governor To  
Deliver Dedication Address  
And Accept Deed  
At Laying Of Corner  
Stone of Bryan Memorial

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 27.—(Special)—Gov. Austin Peay, of Tennessee, has accepted the invitation of the Bryan memorial association to deliver the dedication address here November 5.

Governor Peay stated that the state election would be held November 2 and that November 5 would be an ideal date for a speech in Dayton and that the evolutionists could not accuse him of making capital out of the matter.

The governor will accept the formal delivery of deeds to the Bryan memorial university site and the cornerstone of the first unit of the school will be laid.

County Judge J. G. McKenzie, member of the prosecuting staff in the Scopes case, announced today that the county would start work on the road leading to the university Monday.

The university association will continue the construction of the road through the school property at their own expense.

The plans are complete for a gala day November 5 when the grounds will be accessible to the public for dedication exercises.

Following the formal dedication services engineers and architects will at once start working and rapid progress in the construction of the buildings is anticipated.

A report on the pledge roll was made by Miss Mary Caldwell, who had presented it to the Junior department of Centenary Methodist Sunday school, with the result that many of the children had signed the pledge cards.

The devotionals were led by Miss Alice Oliver. A prayer was offered by Miss Daisy Duncan, who later made a talk on Chinese missions, stating that the American Bible society was trying to place 1,000,000 testaments in Chinese schools. Volunteer offerings were made to buy a dozen or more testaments.

A feature of the program was the singing of a solo by Mrs. Charles Snyder. She was so heartily received that a responsive encore was given.

Mrs. D. D. Allen was introduced by Mrs. I. Lewis Clark as a new member.

The meeting was partly in celebration of the sixth anniversary of the passage of the prohibition amendment, and by way of suggestion a large white birthday cake burning six white wax candles was brought in and cut for serving with an ice course. In the center of the cake was a small china cup which served as a receptacle for the deposit of pennies representing the age of the individual. Something over \$6 was contributed, and the meeting was counted a success in every way.

Builder  
Huntsville, Ala.

May 19, 1927

## RELIGIOUS ORDER ENDORSES PLANS

### Bryan Memorial University Is Given Big Boost By Association

ATLANTA, Ga., May 18, 1927.—(INS)—The World's Christian Fundamentals Association, which recently concluded its convention in Atlanta, attended by prominent ministers and laymen from all parts of the United States and Canada, gave unanimous approval to the plans and methods of the proposed Bryan Memorial University, relative to the establishment of the Bryan Memorial University of Dayton, Tennessee.

The endorsement of the plans of the Bryan Memorial Association, which call for the erection of the University at Dayton, where the "Great Commoner" died following the evolution fight, was contained in one of fifteen resolutions that were passed by the association.

The Bryan Memorial resolution was introduced by the Rev. W. B. Riley, president of the association, and read:

"Whereas, representatives of the Bryan Memorial University Association at Dayton, Tennessee, laid their plans and methods before the convention.

"Be it resolved that we heartily approve of the efforts being put forth to carry out the plans and ideals of the Fundamentalists Leaders in building a great university.

"Be it resolved further that we pledge our prayers and best efforts toward its realization."

Ashland, Ala

PROGRESS

Apr 26, 1928

### Eight State Governors Endorse Bryan Memorial University

Dayton, Tenn., April 25.—It was announced here today by the Bryan Memorial University association that Governor John J. Richards, of South Carolina, has accepted the chairmanship for the South Carolina state campaign which will get under way shortly in the interest of the William Jennings Bryan University, which is being built at Dayton, in honor of the great Commoner who died here. Governor Richards' acceptance of this chairmanship makes him the eighth governor to endorse heartily the establishment of this university.

Governor Victor Doheney, of Ohio and the late Governor Austin Peay, of Tennessee, accepted as members of the national committee for the university as it was being organized. They were joined on the committee by about a hundred men and women of prominence. Governor Peay accepted the eighty-one acre site for the campus from the donors and broke ground for the first building. Upon the occasion of his death recently, he was succeeded on the national committee by Governor H. H. Horton, who succeeded him as chief executive of Tennessee.

Ex-Governors Albert H. Roberts and Benton McMillen, of Tennessee, have also given their support to the association and have served on their local committees.

Governor John E. Martin, of Arkansas, and ex-governor Tom Terral have given the movement their hearty endorsement and have each written the association offering their support and urging that Arkansas have a full part in erecting a practical and fitting memorial to Bryan.

Strasburg, Va

NEWS

April 30, 1928

## BRYAN UNIV. PROGRESS SURPRISE TO DARROW

Noted Lawyer, Returning to Scene  
Of Scopes Trial, Is Told of De-  
mand for Better Instruction

Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer, who opposed the late William Jennings Bryan in the famous Scopes case at Dayton, Tenn., visited Dayton for the second time a few days ago, according to a news dispatch from that city and expressed surprise at the progress which is being made on Bryan Memorial University.

Standing upon the site for the university, Darrow was watching construction work on the first unit of the fundamentalist institution which is being developed here by friends and admirers of William Jennings Bryan, his late great antagonist. "I am surprised at the progress which is being made on the Bryan University," he said. "It seems to me to have an ideal location."

Darrow did not re-enter the courtroom where, three years ago, his voice and Bryan's were heard in the "Battle of the Century," and in which writers from all over the United States and foreign lands gathered to write stories of the battle—stories that were flashed round the world by direct press wires. He drove past the little white home where Mr. Bryan passed quietly into Eternal Sleep immediately following his strenuous defense of the Bible as the Word of God.

Reminiscing with Dayton people whom he had known during his previous visit, Darrow said, "At no time during the trial was there any personal animosity. I liked all the people in Dayton. I am glad to be back here again and am glad to see the progress of Dayton and to know the people are reading and thinking more." F. E. Robinson, who was chairman of the school board at the time the Scopes case was tried, told Mr. Darrow that the presence of many noted writers in Dayton during the trial has resulted in a great demand for reading matter of the better class.

News  
Cowanda, N.Y.  
Sept 25, 1930

### PERPETUATE FUNDAMENTALISM

With the recent opening of the William Jennings Bryan University at Dayton, Tenn., one begins to recall the events which took place there five years ago in connection with the Scopes trial. It will be remembered that the legislature in Tennessee passed a law which forbade the teaching of evolution in the state, supposedly on the grounds that such teaching would be contrary to the Biblical story of man's creation. A young high school teacher, Scopes, taught his pupils the theory of evolution, wishing to stand trial for test case purposes. The case which followed aroused such a degree of interest that it attracted William Jennings Bryan, who upheld the Biblical theory and the state of Tennessee and Clarence Darrow, who defended young Scopes.

Bryan put everything he had into that trial, and at times it appeared that it was he who stood trial. Darrow ridiculed him and his convictions but could not change them. Two days after the trial ended Mr. Bryan died.

The Dayton setting was given a sentiment all its own and this new university is a logical outcome. The charter of the institution states its acceptance of the "divine inspiration and infallibility of the Bible." Any form of modern science that in any way runs counter to the Bible will not be taught there.

Record  
Toccoa, Ga.  
Jan. 14, 1926

### Contending For The Faith

News comes from Dayton, Tenn., that a Bryan Memorial University Association has been organized and that this association is to launch a national Campaign to raise funds. What will they teach in this University? It is to be hoped that not only this school but that every educational institution throughout our country will teach the truth. The truth about life. The truth about happiness. Many criticisms have been made of the youth of America today. All of them have been harsh, some just and some unjust. We all seek pleasure. The youth of our land will get more out of his or her life if we will instruct them more accurately and more thoroughly as to happiness, real and lasting happiness.

March 28, 1930

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY IS A SEQUEL TO TRIAL OF SCOPES

WILL COMMEMORATE THE  
PRINCIPLES OF WIL-  
LIAM J. BRYAN

DAYTON, Tenn. — (AP) — Out of the famous "monkey trial" of 1925, a university is growing.

It will open in September as a fundamentalist school to commemorate the principles of William Jennings Bryan and to stand as a monument to him in the little city in which he championed his last cause—that of the fundamentalists against the teaching of the theory of evolution in the public schools of Tennessee.

The Commoner came to Dayton to fight for the preservation of Tennessee's anti-evolution law of 1925, the constitutionality of which was questioned by some. He died suddenly the day after the trial ended.

Now, after five years, work is under way on the first building of what will be a \$350,000 plant. Freshman classes will open in September in the old Rhea county high school building where John T. Scopes, defendant in the evolution case, taught.

Scopes, teacher of biology, was charged in a test case with teaching the theory of evolution, contrary to the state law.

After a lengthy legal battle, in which Bryan aided in the prosecution and Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone, famous attorneys, assisted in the defense, Scopes was convicted.

The jury fixed no penalty and the judge assessed the minimum fine of \$100.

The state supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the act, but recommended that a nolle prosequi be entered in the Scopes case, holding that the judge who assessed the \$100 fine exceeded his jurisdiction. Under Tennessee law, a judge cannot impose a fine of more than \$50.

From a newspaperman present at the trial came the suggestion that a university be established in honor of Bryan. The idea won favor in Dayton and Bryan was advised of the plan. He revealed that he, too, had ideas of establishing a school for boys and that provision for such an institution had been made in his will. He consented to change his will to make the Dayton school the beneficiary.

The Commoner, however, expressed the opinion that a university was too great an undertaking. A group of Dayton business men arranged to meet with him the Monday after the close of the trial to discuss plans. The meeting never was held. Bryan died on Sunday.

The group carried on its plans for a university, however, and organized the Bryan Memorial University Association. F. E. Robinson, Dayton druggist in whose store a discussion led to opening of the case, was named president. Wallace C. Haggard, one of the prosecuting attorneys, was chosen treasurer and Joe F. Benson, also of Dayton, secretary.

### **III. FUND RAISING FOR THE UNIVERSITY**

Fund raising began in earnest in October of 1925. The announced goal was \$5,000,000. One of the early gifts was \$1,000, given by C. A. Dagler, a real estate dealer in Florida, and formally a Rhea County resident. The goal for Rhea County was \$100,000, but the final amount raised in the county was \$202,000.

It was announced that no money would be accepted from anyone who was an evolutionist or who did not believe in the infallibility of the Bible.

The formal opening of the campaign was on October 30, 1925, with Dr. John R. Straton, nationally known fundamentalist leader and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of New York City as the keynote speaker.

In 1926, campaigns were launched in many Tennessee cities and many states. The Association named directors for each state, and they, in turn, named leaders for various towns and counties in the state. By June 1926, Knox County, Tennessee, had raised \$141,000 and the total raised was \$486,000.

Some notable donations were from Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan from his estate.

Citizen

Kingston, Tenn

Oct. 1, 1925

## Lockhart Heads \$5,000,000 Campaign for Bryan Memorial University

Dayton, Tenn. 30.—Establishment of a university at Dayton, where scientific courses will be in complete harmony with a literal interpretation of the Bible, is the aim of the Bryan Memorial University association, as revealed by officials in announcing a campaign now under way to provide five million dollars for this purpose.

The appointment of Malcolm Lockhart, of Atlanta, as director of the campaign for funds is announced by F. E. Robinson, of Dayton, president of the association. Mr. Lockhart is an experienced and successful director of campaigns for college development, having directed drives for Georgia Tech and Agnes Scott in Georgia and Davidson and Queens College in North Carolina.

"Fifty thousand fundamentalists for the faith of our fathers" will be the campaign slogan, said Mr. Lockhart, explaining that funds will be sought only from those who do not believe in evolution. Emphasizing this attitude of the association, the subscription blanks prepared for use by the solicitors recite that the subscription is given "as evidence of my interest in the fundamentals of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryan".

Explaining the relation of the Dayton association to the Bryan Memorial association recently organized at Washington, Mr. Lockhart said that the two organizations are working entirely independently. "The Washington

Chattanooga, Tenn

NEWS

Sept 25, 1925

## LOCKHART HEADS DAYTON CAMPAIGN

Drive to Raise \$5,000,000 for Bryan School Will Begin Oct. 1.

Dayton, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Malcolm Lockhart, an Atlanta man, has been appointed director of the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 to erect a memorial university to William Jennings Bryan in Dayton. The drive for the necessary funds will be started October 1.

This announcement was made Thursday by F. E. Robinson of Dayton, who is president of the association.

"Fifty thousand fundamentalists for the faith of our fathers," will be the slogan for the drive, stated Mr. Lockhart.

Mr. Lockhart declared that one of the paramount ideas in establishing the Dayton university would be to refute evolution propaganda over the country.

In this connection the following statement was issued by Mr. Robinson concerning the drive:

"Formation of plans toward the organization of a campaign to raise funds for the promotion and establishment of a Bryan memorial university at Dayton have been completed and actual work will begin next week."

"An experienced and successful director to carry out the plans of the campaign has been employed by the association, Malcolm Lockhart of Atlanta, being the man selected. Mr. Lockhart has had much successful experience in developing colleges, among which are Agnes Scott in Georgia and Georgia Tech, also Davidson and Queen's college in North Carolina."

"Campaign will actually begin in Rhea county, after which operations will expand as rapidly as possible."

"Public-spirited men of Dayton are now raising the initial expense funds, which will be used in starting the work."

"The quota for Rhea county is \$100,000. When the county campaign has been completed, a state campaign will be inaugurated, and when consummated the national movement will be launched."

"A spirit of earnest determination is manifested by the leading citizens in getting this movement under way, which speaks well for the success of the proposition."

ton association will memorialize William Jennings Bryan, the man, without reference to any particular phase of his life" said Mr. Lockhart, while the Dayton association will build memorial to Mr. Bryan's fundamentalism."

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quota for Rhea county is \$100,000. When the county campaign has been completed a Lockhart said that the two or-state campaign will be inaugurated, followed by a national independently. "The Washing-

Herald  
Dayton, Tenn.  
Aug. 12, 1926

## BRYAN MEMORIAL HAS OVER HALF MILLION IN ASSETS

From week to week the Herald will publish the progress of the campaign for the erection of the Bryan Memorial University.

Every citizen of this county is interested in the progress of the work and in its ultimate success, and while it may seem slow to some yet it is going steadily forward. Rome was not built in a day, neither will this university be built in a day but only through the earnest work and co-operation of every citizen of Rhea county. We have more to gain and more to lose than any other county in the United States.

The subscriptions in Rhea county have been liberal also the payment of pledges so the good work is going forward as rapidly as can be expected. When we consider the fact that we started on absolutely nothing, financially speaking, and now have over one half million dollars in assets and a wonderful site upon which to erect this university we are indeed pleased with the progress of the work.

That the people of other states are sending their subscriptions and good wishes to Dayton is evidenced by the fact that over seventeen thousand dollars in pledges have been sent from North Carolina in the territory of Asheville.

Miss Garnett from Virginia gave (unsolicited) a pledge of \$1,000; \$100 cash, to the campaign when it was started. She has sent an additional amount of \$100 cash to be used for the cause. The letter given below explains itself.

July 24, 1926.

Mr. Malcolm Lockhart,  
Dayton, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Having just read what Mr. Given has to say in the Literary Digest, copied from the Boston Globe, I enclose check for one hundred dollars (\$100), not on my original pledge, but something more.

Do let us have a school in Dayton to teach that we believe the Bible is the word of God, even if it can be only a log cabin. To my surprise, I find that many people seem to be interested but will not give of their means to the cause.

Cordially,

In His name,

JUDITH L. C. GARNETT,  
Dunnsville, Essex County, Va.



Times

Chattanooga, Tenn

Oct 17, 1925

Herald

Rogersville, Tenn.

Oct. 7, 1925

## Former Tennessean Gives \$1000 to Bryan Memorial University

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 5.—F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University association here, has received for the association a gift of \$1,000 from C. A. Dagley, real estate dealer of Hollywood, Fla. Mr. Dagley is a former Chattanooga and citizen of Rhea county in which the Bryan Memorial University to be located. His gift, which is in the form of a certified personal check, is the first cash subscription to be received, altho equally large and larger sums have been pledged. In making this handsome gift Mr. Dagley says, in part:

"It is a pleasure for me, a former Rhea county citizen, to make this contribution as an evidence of my interest in the fundamentals of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryan."

Announcement is made by Malcolm Lockhart, director of the \$5,000,000 campaign for Bryan Memorial University, that W. C. Bailey of the Bailey Hardware Company of Dayton, has accepted the chairman of Rhea county and W. C. Haggard of the American National Bank of Dayton has been made chairman of the large gifts committee.

A committee from the Bryan Memorial University association visited Atlanta last week to inspect the plants of Georgia Tech, Emory University and Agnes Scott College with a view to making plans for the proposed university at Dayton. Members of the committee were F. E. Robinson, president of the association; H. H. Frasa, secretary; W. C. Haggard, a member of the executive committee of the association; and Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director.

## BRYAN MEMORIAL SOLICITORS NAMED

### Rhea County People Asked to Subscribe \$100,000.

### Earn and Give Division to Canvass School Children— Dr. Mahoney on Field Staff.

Chattanooga Times Special.

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 16.—Full committees for the Rhea county campaign to raise \$100,000 by popular subscription for the Bryan Memorial University are announced this week by F. E. Robinson, president of the association, with the exception of the women's division.

The county committee, of which W. C. Bailey is chairman, is as follows: J. G. McKenzie, the Rev. C. R. Jones, A. P. Haggard, B. G. McKenzie, John R. Abel, Sue K. Hicks, R. W. Johnson, W. C. Haggard, John L. Godsey, W. R. Neighbert, Igou Hodges, Joe F. Benson, E. B. Ewing, the Rev. W. A. Moffitt, the Rev. A. C. Stribling, the Rev. J. H. Arrowood, the Rev. M. B. Gass, the Rev. H. G. Byrd, Fred C. Knight, Mart Wilkey, Frank Conner, Well Weir, Frank Collins, Frank Vaughn, W. P. Darwin, Mart Reid, Ross Fischessor, Smith Moulton, J. T. Moon, George Crosby, Hugh Martin, J. M. Hines, M. D. Hines, Dr. W. P. McDonald, the Rev. T. O. Dake, Frank Roddy, Mack Clack, Newt Ewing, A. E. Hudson, Hayes Welch, the Rev. F. E. Denton, R. M. Green, Newt Welch, H. Spivey, Warren Spivey, Clyde Me-

Donald, R. U. Elisea, M. Pack, J. W. Bowles, Capt. Jack Thompson, J. B. Swafford, H. H. Frasa, F. E. Robinson, Patrick Wilkey, Sam Montgomery, Wheeler Gross, E. H. C. Cunningham, Edward Collins, Q. A. Tallent, Jr., Carlos Knight, K. M. Benson, W. A. Brickey, C. D. Smith, Paul Spivey, R. L. Gentry, J. C. Whiteside, Mrs. Martha J. Brady, Miss Leona Edwards, Miss Irene Simpson, Miss Bess Walker, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Baker, Miss Mettie Rockholdt, Miss Josephine Weeys, Miss Callie Been, Miss Sibyl Hill.

The large gifts division, W. C. Haggard, chairman, consists of the following: J. G. McKenzie, Capt. Jack Thompson, J. B. Swafford, J. R. Abel, H. H. Frasa, F. E. Robinson, R. M. Green, Warren Spivey, Joe F. Benson, Patrick Wilkey, Sam Montgomery, Mart Wilkey, Wheeler Gross, J. R. Fischessor, Dr. W. P. McDonald, E. H. Cunningham, Ed Collins, E. M. Williamson, R. W. Johnson, K. F. Johnson, J. F. Leuty, R. L. Davis.

The earn and give division, Fred C. Knight, chairman, is for the purpose of giving all school children of the county over 10 years old an opportunity to participate in this great enterprise by pledging that they will earn and give \$5 a year for three years for the building of the university. This committee is composed of the following, who are active in school work in the county:

Mrs. Martha J. Brady, J. N. Ewing, Miss Leona Edwards, Miss Irene Simpson, Miss Bess Walker, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Q. A. Tallent, Jr., K. M. Benson, W. A. Brickey, Mrs. W. E. Baker, Joe F. Benson, C. D. Smith, Carlos Knight, Miss Josephine Weeys, Paul Spivey, Miss Mettie Rockholdt, R. L. Gentry, J. C. Whiteside, Miss Callie Beene, Miss Sibyl Hill.

A recent addition to the field force is Dr. William J. Mahoney, of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Mahoney was formerly dean of Christian education at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City. He has degrees of master of arts, doctor of divinity and doctor of laws.

Times

Kingsport, Tenn

Oct 22, 1925

## SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL CONTRIBUTE BRYAN MEMORIAL

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Announcement is made by the Bryan Memorial University Association here through F. E. Robinson, its president, that every school child in Rhea county between certain ages is to be given a chance to contribute to the hundred thousand dollar fund now being raised in the county toward the establishment of a fundamentalist university at Dayton in memory of William Jennings Bryan. The "Earn and Give" division of the Rhea county campaign will provide this opportunity for each school child to "earn and give" something to the fund. Rhea Central high school, will head the "Earn and Give" division.

Quotas for the county have been signed as follows: County goal, \$100,000; large gifts division, \$50,000; women's division, \$15,000, and the "earn and give" division \$5,000.

The chairman for the county is Mr. W. C. Bailey, president of the Bailey Hardware Company, and a director in the Dayton Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Bailey is one of Rhea county's pioneer citizens and is prominent throughout East Tennessee.

For the chairman of the women's division for Rhea county, Mrs. W. O. Hudson has been selected by the association and has accepted the as-

signment. She has been a leader of other drives in the county and for a number of years has headed the work of the Anti-Tubercular Association here.

Mr. W. C. Haggard has accepted the chairmanship of the large gifts division. Mr. Haggard is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is now associated with the American National Bank of Dayton.



Hustler  
S. Pittsburg, Penn  
Oct. 9, 1925

## FUNDAMENTALIST SCHOOL AT DAYTON IS PLANNED; TO TEACH LITERAL BIBLE

Campaign Launched For \$5,000,000  
To Perpetuate Faith Of W. J.  
Bryan.

Dayton, Tenn. Oct. 9.—Establishment of a university at Dayton, where scientific courses will be in complete harmony with a literal interpretation of the Bible, is the aim of the Bryan Memorial University association, as revealed by officials in announcing a campaign now under way to provide five million dollars for this purpose.

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"Fifty thousand fundamentalists for the faith of our fathers" will be the campaign slogan, said Mr. Lockhart, explaining that funds will be

sought only from those who do not believe in evolution. Emphasizing this attitude of the association, the subscription blanks prepared for use by the solicitors recite that the subscription is given "as evidence of my interest in the fundamentals of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryan."

Times

Chattanooga, Tenn

Oct 29, 1925

## BRYAN MEMORIAL DRIVE IN SWING

Rhea Towns Being Visited—  
Monster Meeting in Dayton  
Friday Night.

*Chattanooga Times Special.*

DAYTON, Tenn., Oct. 27.—The series of preliminary meetings in the interest of the Bryan memorial drive, beginning at Graysville Thursday night continuing at Morgantown Friday night, Evensville Saturday night and Spring City Monday night, have given those most interested very much encouragement.

Misses Card and Varner, of Soddy, have contributed pleasing musical numbers at each of the meetings and Rhea Central's forty-piece band has also added to the program.

Dr. William J. Mahoney, of Atlanta, is the principal speaker. He brings a splendid message which inspires all to greater effort. Dr. Mahoney is preceded on the program by F. E. Robinson, president, and H. H. Frasia, secretary of the Bryan Memorial association, and is followed by Malcolm Lockhart, director of the Rhea county drive. These gentlemen make short talks as to the "mechanics" of the drive.

Meetings are being held tonight at Roddy and at Five Points Wednesday night. On Friday night the Rhea county drive will be formally launched at the Dayton tabernacle by Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, of New York, and one of the foremost ministers of the nation. A capacity house is expected. Rhea Central High school band will play several numbers.

Atlanta, Ga

CONSTITUTION

Oct 3, 1925

## Bryan Memorial Committee Visits Atlanta Schools

A committee from the Bryan Memorial University association, of Dayton, Tenn., was in Atlanta Friday inspecting local educational institutions with a view to making plans for the proposed memorial which will be erected at Dayton.

Members of the committee were F. E. Robinson, president of the association; H. H. Frasia, secretary; W. C. Haggard, a member of the executive committee of the association, and Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director.

They visited the Georgia School of Technology, Emory university, Agnes Scott college and other local institutions. Mr. Robinson stated no plans had been ordered for the proposed Bryan memorial, but that the committee had conferred with several local architects.

The visitors planned to return to Dayton on an early train today.

Com'l-Appear

Memphis, Tenn  
Oct. 3, 1925

## PLAN BRYAN MEMORIAL.

Committee From Dayton, Tenn., Inspect Atlanta Institutions.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 2.—(AP)—A committee from the Bryan Memorial University Association of Dayton, Tenn., was in this city today inspecting local educational institutions with a view to making plans for the proposed memorial which will be erected at Dayton.

Members of the committee were F. E. Robinson, president of the association; H. H. Frasia, secretary; W. C. Haggard, a member of the executive committee of the association, and Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director. They visited the Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, Agnes Scott College and other local institutions. Mr. Robinson stated no plans had been ordered for the proposed Bryan memorial, but that the committee had conferred with several local architects.

The visitors planned to return to Dayton on an early train tomorrow.

Oct 22, 1925

## DR. JOHN R. STRATON TO DELIVER 86 OPENING ADDRESS OF CAMPAIGN

The feature of the week in connection with Bryan Memorial University Campaign is the announcement from headquarters that Dr. John R. Straton, nationally known orator and fundamentalist leader, will come from New York to Dayton, Friday night, October 30, to deliver the opening address of the campaign at a monster mass meeting to be held in the tabernacle. The Rhea County High School Band will furnish music and there will be special musical numbers by other artists. No collection will be taken or contributions solicited at this meeting and everybody is urged to come and bring their friends. Dr. Straton is a Baptist minister having graduated from Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, further pursuing the study of oratory in the Boston School of Oratory and in the University of Chicago. He also held the chair of oratory and interpretation of literature at Mercer University and has occupied many prominent pulpits.

Considerable progress has been made in the organization of the National Committee this week. The following is a complete list of the committee as so far made up.

Governor Victor Donahey, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. John Roach Straton, Pastor Calvary Baptist church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. Durlin S. Benedict, L. L. D., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. D. S. Kennedy, Editor The Presbyterian & Herald-Presbyter, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. P. Haggard, Pres. American National Bank, Dayton, Tenn.

Judge John T. Raulston, Winchester, Tenn.

Dr. W. H. Frazer, Pres. Queens College, Charlotte, N. C.

Congressman Wm. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga.

Marion Hull, M. D. & M. S., Atlanta, Ga.

H. H. Frasa, Wholesale Grocer, Dayton, Tenn.

Dr. D. J. Brimm, Prof. of Bible

and Religion, Presbyterian College of S. C., Clinton, S. C.

F. E. Robinson, Druggist, Dayton, Tenn.

Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, Gen. Secty. Lord Day Alliance, New York, N. Y.

Chas. F. Horner, Gen. Mgr. Redpath Chautauqua, Kansas City, Mo.  
Rev. Orval W. Baylor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Robert P. Abel has accepted the chairmanship of the Woman's Division of the committee and has named her committee as follows: Miss Jennie Purser, Mrs. H. T. Phillip, Mrs. L. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. Walter Sherman, Mrs. M. W. McPherson, Mrs. B. V. Bryant, Mrs. J. R. Darwin, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, Mrs. B. W. Abel, Mrs. E. Waterhouse, Mrs. Robert Clouse, Mrs. M. W. Raulston, Mrs. A. C. Benson, Mrs. R. J. Coulter, Mrs. Chap. Wasson, Mrs. John Sherman, Mrs. W. L. Givens, Mrs. Harriet Heyal, Mrs. V. Z. Cline, Miss Eva Caldwell, Mrs. James Locke, Mrs. Patrick Wilkey, Miss Anna Crosby, Mrs. J. D. Leuty, Mrs. A. S. Hudson, Mrs. Leo Harris, Mrs. Mart Wilkey.

The campaign for Rhea county will be launched next Friday, October 30, and committee meetings to perfect the organization will be held within the next few days.

With everybody pulling together to win, Rhea County's quota of one-hundred-thousand dollars should be raised by November 10.

A series of meetings have been arranged for the purpose of telling the citizens of Rhea county about the plans for the University. Dr. Wm. J. Mahoney of Atlanta, Ga. will be one of the speakers. The time and places for the meetings are as follows:

Thursday, October 22, 7:15 P. M. Graysville High School.

Friday, October 23, 7:00 P. M. Morgantown, Vine Grove church.

Saturday, October 24, 7:00 P. M., Evensville, M. E. church.

Monday, October 26, 7:30 P. M. Spring City High School.

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 P. M. Five Points church.

Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 P. M. Roddy, school house.

## BRYAN MEMORIAL DRIVE SPEAKER

Dayton, Tenn., Oct. 27—Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of New York, will deliver an address at the auditorium here Friday night October 30th officially launching the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the establishment of a Fundamentalist university at Dayton in memory of William Jennings Bryan.

The campaign organization for Rhea county is practically complete, the division chairman having been chosen and their committees announced. Quotas have been assigned as follows: Goal for Rhea county, \$100,000; large gifts division, \$50,000; woman's division, \$15,000; "Earn and Give" division \$5,000.

The chairman for the county is W. C. Bailey, president of the Bailey Hardware company and a director in the Dayton Bank and Trust company. Mr. Bailey is one of Rhea county's pioneer citizens and is prominent throughout East Tennessee. Seventy five prominent citizens will serve under him.

For the chairman of the woman's division for Rhea county, Mrs. Robert P. Abel has been selected by the association and has accepted the assignment.

W. C. Haggard has accepted the chairmanship of the large gifts division. He is associated with the American National bank at Dayton.

Fred C. Knight, principal of the Rhea Central High school will head the "Earn and Give" division. This division of the Rhea county campaign will provide an opportunity for each school child to earn and give some thing to the fund.

A charter was issued the Bryan Memorial University association by the Tennessee secretary of state last week, the purpose of the association being expressed in the charter as that of "promoting, founding establishing and directing Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn., to acquire real estate, etc." The association will elect a board of trustees every member of which shall believe in the historically and infallibility of the Holy Bible.

News  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Nov. 11, 1925

## RHEA OVER TOP IN BRYAN FUND DRIVE

Hamilton County to Be Asked  
for \$200,000 Soon—Cam-  
paign Extends Over State.

Dayton, Nov. 11. — (Special.)—Rhea county has raised \$202,500 for the Bryan memorial university to be erected in Dayton. This is more than double the quota assigned to this county, which was \$100,000.

The largest single subscription came from Mayor A. P. Haggard and his family, and was \$40,000. These announcements were made at a victory dinner held Tuesday night in Dayton at the Hotel Aqua.

It was at first planned to extend the drive into Hamilton county, following the campaign in Rhea county, but Malcolm Lockhart of Atlanta, director of the campaign, announced Wednesday morning that the campaign would not be started in this county until early in the spring, due to the Community chest drive now in progress. However the campaign will immediately be extended to cover every county in Tennessee, the plan being to organize Bryan clubs in each, and gradually branch out to other states.

Plans are to raise \$500,000 in Tennessee in six months' time. The campaign will be extended into Bradley, Franklin and Hamblen counties simultaneously. These counties are near Rhea and have been assigned quotas on a population basis, Franklin, \$4,000; Bradley, \$3,500, and Hamblen, \$2,500, making a total of \$10,000. It was felt that the quota of Rhea county should be much larger than others, because of the location of the school in this county.

Goal is \$5,000,000.

It is proposed by the Bryan Memorial university organization to raise \$5,000,000 throughout the country to erect a great university in memory of William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner.

Dayton, located thirty-eight miles from Chattanooga, was the scene of the Scopes evolution trial, at which time Mr. Bryan and Clarence Darrow locked horns and fought the battle of science and religion. It was after the death of Bryan that followed closely on the heels of the trial that his friends decided to erect a memorial to him in Dayton, where the principles for which he stood could be taught.

With a school of this kind located so close to Chattanooga it naturally would be considered as an asset to this community as well as to the community of Dayton. This little town can easily be reached in an hour and a half's time from Chattanooga by automobile.

The site on which the school is to be erected is located in South Dayton, just east of the home in which Mr. Bryan died. Before the great commoner passed away it had been suggested that an institution be erected on this hill to his memory. The idea met with his approval and he became deeply interested in the proposed project.

When it was found that Dayton and Rhea county had gone over the top, doubling its quota, F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University association, sent a telegram to Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, widow of the great leader, announcing to her the results of the campaign. It was during Mrs. Bryan's great bereavement that the Daytonians did everything possible to lighten her grief. They followed her to Washington and stood with her at Arlington as her husband was placed in his final resting place. She is greatly interested in the school project.

Mail  
Morristown, Tenn.  
June 14, 1926

## LAY PLANS FOR BRYAN COLLEGE

Knoxville, Tenn., June 14.—Work on the Bryan Memorial University will start early in 1927 and the first unit will be completed in time for the freshmen class in the fall of that year, Dr. Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director, who is in Knoxville, told the Banner correspondent.

Five sites have been offered for the institution. The site to be selected is to be determined by two-thirds vote of the incorporators. The committee on a site has 30 days in which to report.

The first two units of the university will be an administration building and an infirmary. Dr. Lockhart remarked that an infirmary might be regarded as rather an unneeded building at first, but he explained the plan. He said that A. P. Haggard, mayor of Dayton, has offered to give \$40,000 toward building of the Rena Clark Haggard Memorial hospital, and that the city of Dayton agreed to supplement this amount with \$30,000. The proposition will be presented, and is expected to be favorably voted upon, for the infirmary to be erected in connection with the college and for it to be used for class rooms the first year or two.

A total of \$450,000 has been subscribed toward the university. Most contributions have come from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Miami, Rhea county and some other communities in Tennessee and Florida.

A committee has been named to select a faculty and adopt a curriculum for the institution. A catalog will be published early in 1927.

Knoxville, Tenn.

JOURNAL

Nov. 13, 1925

## DAYTON JUBILANT OVER DRIVE RESULT

DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 12.—(Spl.) Dayton is jubilant over having gone over the top in Rhea county's drive for funds for the Bryan Memorial University, having raised \$202,500. The county's quota was \$100,000.

Armistice Day was observed by closing all business houses, and having the streets decorated with flags.

News—  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Oct. 26, 1925

## DAYTON PLANS FOR LAUNCHING DRIVE

Rhea County Organized for  
Bryan Fund Campaign.

Elaborate plans are being made in Dayton for the big mass meeting to be held there Friday night to launch a drive to raise \$100,000 in Rhea county for the Bryan Memorial university to be erected there in memory of the late William Jennings Bryan.

John Roach Straton of New York is planning to come to Tennessee to deliver the principal address on this occasion. He will probably come by way of Chattanooga and be met here by a special committee of Dayton citizens.

Preparatory to the coming meeting a series of gatherings are being held in Rhea county. During the past week the following meetings were held: On Thursday night at the Graysville High school, at which Dr. W. J. Mahoney of Atlanta spoke; Friday night at Morgantown, followed by one Saturday night at Evansville.

This week the first meeting will be held Monday night at Spring City, another Tuesday night at Five Points and Wednesday night at Roddy.

It was announced Monday from Dayton by Malcolm Lockhart, secretary of the Bryan memorial fund, that \$25,000 has already been subscribed to the fund. Rhea county's quota is \$100,000. This amount will be raised by popular subscriptions during the drive, however. In addition to this, it is proposed to raise \$150,000 by bond issue from the county, which will make a total of \$250,000 from this county.

Large signs have been placed in public places in Dayton advertising the meeting Friday night. It will be held in the big auditorium that is located across the street from the Aqua hotel.

June 22, 1926

## Nearly \$450,000 Sub- scribed for Erection of Institution

DAYTON, Tenn., June 21. (INS) —Construction on the first unit of Bryan Memorial University, which will be erected in this little Tennessee town where the Commoner spent his last days, will get under way early in 1927. This was announced by Dr. Malcolm Lockhart, campaign manager.

Five sites have been offered for the university and one of these will be selected by a committee within the next 30 days, it was said.

Approximately \$450,000 has been subscribed for the memorial university. Most of this, it was said, came from the communities in Tennessee and Florida.

The first two university buildings will be an administration building and an infirmary, it was announced.

Intelligencer

Paris, Tenn

Oct 9, 1925

**FORMER TENNESSEAN  
GIVES \$1,000 TO BRYAN  
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

**DAYTON, TENN., Feb. 3.**—~~F. E. Robinson~~ president of one of the Bryan Memorial University association here, has received for the association a gift of \$1,000.00 from C. A. Dagley, real estate dealer of Hollywood, Fla. Mr. Dagley is a former Chattanooga and citizen of Rhea county in which the Bryan Memorial University is to be located. His gift, which is in the form of a certified check, is the first cash subscription to be received, although equally large and larger sums have been pledged. In making this handsome gift Mr. Dagley says, in part;

"It is a pleasure for me, a former Rhea county citizen, to make this contribution as an evidence of my

interest in the fundamentals of Christianity as interpreted by William Jennings Bryant.

Announcement is made by Lockhart, director of the \$5,000.00. campaign for Bryant Memorial University, that W. C. Baily of the Baily Hardware Company of Dayton, has accepted the chairmanship of Rhea county and W. C. Haggard of the American National Bank of Dayton

Gorgian  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Nov. 7, 1925

**\$60,000 SUBSCRIBED  
FOR BRYAN COLLEGE**

By International News Service.  
DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 7.—With \$60,000 of Rhea County's quota of \$100,000 for the William Jennings Bryan Memorial University subscribed, workers in the campaign Saturday were pressing their efforts to subscribe the remainder and end the drive with a "victory banquet" here Tuesday.

It is planned to build a "fundamentalist" university here at the scene of Bryan's last triumph, the celebrated Scopes evolution trial.

Half a dozen farmers have offered to donate land for the proposed school.

Times  
Chattanooga, Tenn  
Dec. 27, 1925

**PLANNING \$1,000,000  
BRYAN MEMORIAL**

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26 (AP).—Tentative plans for Kentucky's part in raising \$1,000,000 for a memorial in Washington to the late William Jennings Bryan will be considered at a luncheon here Monday.

The plan is to raise \$1,000,000 or more on one day. Bryan's birthday, March 19, and those attending the initial meeting tomorrow will be told of what already has been accomplished throughout the country.

Final decision has not been made as to the form of the memorial, but it was said that it is not likely that the suggestion for a university in Washington will be considered, as it is not desired to conflict with plans for a Bryan Memorial university at Dayton, Tenn. A "peace arch" over some principal street in Washington is one of the plans under consideration.

Gazette

Morristown, Tenn

Feb 20, 1926

**Gift of \$1,000 For  
Bryan Memorial**

Dayton, Tenn., Feb. 20.—In announcing a gift of a thousand dollars received by mail from Miss Judith Garrett, author, of Dunnsville, Ky., F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University Association, states that the half-way mark has passed in the association's Tennessee campaign for half a million dollars.

Gifts totaling approximately \$175,000, he says have been received to date from fundamentalists in Tennessee who admired the late William Jennings Bryan as a champion of the Christian "faith of our fathers," and who wish to assist in building a great university to his memory.

It is anticipated that the campaign to raise Knoxville's \$50,000 quota will begin about March 15.

Herald  
Cleveland, Tenn  
Feb. 5, 1926

**HAMILTON COUNTY  
LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN  
BRYAN UNIVERSITY**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 3.—The Hamilton county campaign to secure \$100,000 for Bryan Memorial University at Dayton was launched here this week when about 100 leading citizens of Chattanooga and visitors from Dayton gathered at the Hotel Patten Monday for the initial luncheon. Those present heard brief speeches by F. E. Robinson and H. H. Frasa of Dayton, president and secretary, respectively, of the Bryan Memorial University association, and by Malcolm Lockhart, national director of the campaign. Chas. F. Hood of Chattanooga, general chairman for the Hamilton county campaign, presided. It was announced that daily luncheons would not be held for reports on the progress of the campaign but that the first report as to results would be received at a mass meeting Thursday evening. This meeting will be addressed by Dr. Clinton N. Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the World Peace commission. The Rhea county High school band will be brought down from Dayton, where Bryan University is to be located, to furnish music for this occasion.

The luncheon Monday was preceded by a parade, headed by the Chattanooga Central High band, and consisting of about fifty cars filled with workers and friends of the enterprise. Penants from the radiators of the cars read "Help Build Bryan Memorial University, Founded on the Fact that the Bible is the Word of God." Cardboard shields were fastened to the running board bearing appropriate legions urging support of the university. At the request of the American Legion and the Retail Merchants association of Chattanooga decorative flags were displayed on the streets.

Malcolm Lockhart, director of the campaign, has conducted successful campaigns for Agnes Scott college, Davidson college and Queen college, all Christian institutions, and expresses himself as being highly pleased with the progress and prospects for the campaign both in Hamilton county and throughout the nation.

Kingsport, Tenn.

TIMES

Nov 16, 1925

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY

### GIFTS ARE DOUBLE

**Rhea County Quota Already Reached—Drive Finished in 11 Days**

By The Associated Press

Dayton, Tenn. Nov. 16.—Rhea county workers for the Bryan Memorial University, who assembled Tuesday night for the first victory dinner of the \$5,000,000 campaign, announced gifts by Rhea county citizens which total \$202,000 or more than double the quota assigned to this county. The largest gift announced was that of Mr. A. P. Haggard and family, \$40,000. Mr. Haggard is president of the American National Bank of Dayton and a member of the National Committee for the campaign. Officials believe that the success of the campaign in Rhea county denotes the interest of the public in the enterprise and indicates success for the national campaign.

The Rhea county campaign for \$100,000 was completed and double its quota subscribed in eleven days, the campaign having been launched on Oct. 30th, when Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of New York and a nationally known orator and fundamentalist leader, addressed the workers. Chairman for the county campaign is Mr. W. C. Bailey. The large gifts division was headed by Mr. W. C. Haggard, the women's division by Mrs. Robert P. Abel, and the "earn and give" division by Mr. Fred C. Knight. These chairmen and committees working under them are responsible in large part for the success of the county campaign, according to Malcolm Lockhart, national director.

The campaign will now be extended to other territory according to F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University Association. The quota for Hamilton county Tennessee has been set at \$100,000 and a campaign for that amount will begin there about Jan. 1st, or as soon as organization can be effected.

The Bryan Memorial University Association was recently chartered by the state of Tennessee, its purpose being expressed in the charter as that of "promoting, founding, establishing, and erecting Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tennessee."

Mail

Anderson, S.C.  
Dec. 21, 1925

FOR BRYAN UNIVERSITY  
Fifty Persons on Committee to Raise Five Millions.

New York, Dec. 20.—Plans for the \$5,000,000 Bryan memorial university in Dayton, Tenn., in commemoration of William Jennings Bryan's last appearance in controversial fields, were announced here by F. E. Robins, president of the Memorial association. A national campaign committee of leading fundamentalist figures in religious circles has been formed.

New York will be represented by the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, and the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. While the remainder of the committee was drawn from all sections of the country, the South is most strongly represented.

Fifty persons have accepted places on the campaign committee, it was announced, in addition to Dr. Straton and Dr. Bowlby.

Troy, Ala

HERALD

Jan. 1, 1926

### DRIVE WILL BE MADE IN JANUARY FOR BRYAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

DAYTON, Tenn., Dec. 30.—(I.N.S.)—A drive for funds totalling \$350,000 in the state of Illinois will be opened January 1 in Chicago, it was announced by Malcolm B. Lockhart, of Atlanta, director of the campaign to raise funds for construction of Bryan Memorial University, upon his arrival in this city from Chicago recently.

A grand total of \$250,000 has been subscribed to date in Tennessee, as a result of the campaign, and it is hoped to increase the fund to \$500,000 by April 1, 1926. The quota for this state is set at \$1,000,000.

Active campaigns will be opened in cities throughout the state during the next few weeks. A drive for funds will be opened in Chattanooga on Jan. 15; in Knoxville on February 15; in Nashville on March 15 and in Memphis on April 15.

Dec. 29, 1925

## FOLDER DESCRIBES BRYAN SCHOOL PLANS

**Birth of Idea Is Related.  
Scopes Trial Reviewed.**

A beautiful folder has just been published by the Bryan Memorial University association to be used in the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 to establish a school in Dayton to commemorate the fight against the theory of evolution made by the Great Commoner there before his death.

The booklet is illustrated with a large picture of the late William Jennings Bryan, and on the opposite page is printed a list of the national campaign committee as organized to December 1. It is composed of leading citizens in all walks and professions from different parts of the country. Dr. J. P. McCallie is the member from Chattanooga.

Following this is a brief article headed, "The Birth of the Idea." After reviewing in brief a history of the Scopes evolution trial, the writer explains how the idea was first originated for the erection of a memorial university to William Jennings Bryan.

"On the Thursday before he died or Sunday," the article says, "the Great Commoner walked out upon a commanding hill near Dayton with a group of Daytonians and selected a site for a junior college for boys, which he had in mind to found and promote. After his death so closely following his great fight in defense of the faith, the movement grew in conception and prospect and it was determined to launch a national drive for \$5,000,000 to found a great university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan and to stand for the faith for which he fought. Half of this amount is to be used for equipment and half for endowment. An organization was formed to found and promote the university, which secured a charter from the state of Tennessee as a general welfare corporation. An excerpt from its charter states that it is to have power to elect a board of trustees for the university, every member of which shall believe in the historicity and infallibility of the Holy Bible and will so affirm to the satisfaction of the association. The officers of the association are F. E. Robinson, president; F. R. Rodgers and J. G. McKenzie, vice-presidents; H. H. Frasca, secretary, and B. L. Morgan of the Dayton Bank and Trust company, treasurer."

In the center of the book is a double-page picture of the proposed school plans, a duplicate of the one published in The News Saturday. It shows the administration building located on top of the hill, which has been selected as the location for the school in South Dayton. Just below this structure, and grouped in terraces, are some ten or twelve additional buildings which are a part of the program to be spread over a period of twenty-five years. The first unit to be erected will be the administration building.

Another full page is devoted to a description of a founders' memorial plat, which the association has decided to erect on the campus of the Bryan Memorial university, bearing the names of every individual who contributes \$1,000 or more as a founder of this institution built to memorialize William Jennings Bryan.

Elsewhere in the magazine is given extracts taken from the argument presented by Clarence Darrow in the Scopes trial. On the opposite page are given extracts from Bryan's speeches on the same occasion.

The campaign to raise Hamilton county's quota of \$100,000 for this fund will be started in Chattanooga January 16. Charles F. Hood is chairman of the committee in charge of the campaign in this county.



Jackson, Tenn

SUN

Mar. 3, 1926

## BRYAN VARSITY CAMPAIGN OPENS IN THIS COUNTY

Dr. F. J. Mashburn, of Atlanta,  
Here to Raise County Quota  
Of \$7,000

A campaign for \$7,000 for the Bryan Memorial University to be erected at Dayton, Tenn., as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner and defender of the faith, has been launched in Madison county under the direction of Dr. F. J. Mashburn of Atlanta, Ga., member of the staff of the national campaign director. Dr. Mashburn will have charge of the campaign in McNairy, Chester, Madison, Henderson, Carroll and Henry counties.

A university at Dayton will be the culmination of an idea expressed by Mr. Bryan three days before his death in the little Tennessee town when riding with a banker of that place. After his death Mrs. Bryan was consulted and stated that she wished to see the idea carried out. The banker subscribed \$40,000 and the citizens of Dayton and Rhea county have subscribed up to this time \$202,000 for the cause. The total subscription in Tennessee at this time is \$260,000. Chattanooga citizens have subscribed about \$50,000 to the campaign, it was stated by Dr. Mashburn today.

Dr. Mashburn is most confident of the success of the campaign in Tennessee, which will be carried on and completed before the campaign opens in the other states of the Union. Already checks are coming from all parts of the country from persons who were admirers of William Jennings Bryan, and who wish to have a part in the building of the university to his memory. The amount sought from the entire United States is five million dollars, half of which is for endowment and the other half for equipment.

Gazette  
Trenton, Tenn.  
July 5, 1928

## Mrs. Edison Donates To Bryan University

Dayton, Tenn., July 2. (Special) A subscription of one hundred dollars, which is the popular unit in the campaign to build a great memorial university here in honor of the late William Jennings Bryan has been received from Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the great inventor, according to F. E. Robinson, president of the Bryan Memorial University association.

"One of the gratifying things about the building of the university," said Mr. Robinson, in announcing the gift, "is the large number of distinguished citizens over the nation who are contributing funds and taking active part in the movement in other ways."

The total amount subscribed in the nation now approximates three quarters of a million dollars, according to Mr. Robinson, and gifts have been received from 29 states, although active campaigns have been conducted in parts of five states only.

Congressman W. D. Upshaw, of Georgia, recently started the pouring of concrete for the foundation of the administration building, which is under construction on the crest of the eighty-one acre campus site.

Times  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Jan. 12, 1926

## DISCUSS PLANS FOR BRYAN DRIVE

Committee Will Start Local  
Campaign for Memorial on  
Jan. 18—Quota \$100,000.

Plans for the opening of the Bryan Memorial campaign here on Jan. 18 were discussed by members of the local committee last night at a luncheon in the Hotel Patten. Chattanooga is the first large city in which the campaign is to be staged.

Quota for the city is \$100,000. The campaign is to be nation-wide in its scope, and local committeemen hope to put the drive "over the top" in short order here. Chicago has already organized for its campaign, but it will not start for several weeks, so that Chattanooga will have first opportunity to support the project.

Those present at last night's meeting were Malcolm Lockhart, director of the drive for this county; Charles F. Hood, chairman; T. W. Stanfield, W. E. Wilkerson, H. D. Huffaker, Finley Seagle, Dr. John W. Inzer, Stephen R. Roddy, J. W. Massey, W. C. Johnson, of the News, and W. G. Foster, of the Times.

Leader  
Covington, Tenn

Dec. 10, 1925

## COUNTY QUOTA FOR BRYAN UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN

Tipton county has been assigned a quota of \$5,000, or fifty Bryan University Club memberships, in the \$5,000,000 campaign for the establishment of Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn. This quota, according to officials of the Bryan Memorial University Association, is based on the population of the county.

Rhea county's recent campaign for \$100,000 for this institution was greatly oversubscribed, its workers announcing gifts totaling \$202,000 at the end of a ten-day drive. Roane county, with a quota of \$4,000, and Polk county, with a quota of \$2,500, have also subscribed their quotas in full. The campaign is now being extended to cover every county in Tennessee and Bryan clubs are being formed in each county.

An effort will be made to organize a corps of local volunteer workers to put over the campaign in this county, according to Malcolm Lockhart, director of the national campaign, and it is hoped that in this way the gifts will be secured at a minimum expense to the association. Mr. Lockhart, who is the successful director of campaigns for a number of well known educational institutions, receives no percentage of the funds secured, nor does anyone under him work on a percentage basis.

Nashville, Tenn

Banner

Dec. 3, 1925

## BLEDSON SUBSCRIBES QUOTA TO MEMORIAL

Pikeville, Tenn., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Announcement is made by Malcolm Lockhart, director of the campaign for Bryan Memorial University, that Bledsoe county has completed its campaign for Bryan University by subscribing in full its quota of \$1,000. The leaders in the campaign for Bledsoe county were Joe W. Pope and the Rev. Mr. McCanless.

Mr. Lockhart says that splendid progress is being made toward the goal of half a million dollars for the state, several other counties having already subscribed the quotas assigned them. County quotas are determined on the basis of relative population with \$500,000 as the goal for Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn

JOURNAL

Feb. 13, 1926

## BRYAN MEMORIAL DRIVE IS PLANNED

Arrangements for opening a campaign to raise Knoxville's quota of \$50,000 for the establishment of Bryan Memorial university were made Friday morning by Malcolm Lockhart, campaign manager of the university. A local campaign committee of 50 men will be in charge of the movement, which will open about March 15. This campaign is now being conducted in Chattanooga and about half of their quota of \$100,000 has been raised.

The local committee will be divided into ten groups, each with a quota of \$5,000. Each group will be in touch with one member of the university campaign staff. This is the twelfth campaign for Mr. Lockhart, who was formerly assistant national director of the field organization of the Near East Relief campaign.

Review

Rogersville, Tenn.

June 24, 1926

## KNOX CAMPAIGN FOR BRYAN UNIVERSITY REACHES \$35,000.00

Knoxville, Tenn., June 21st., (Special)—With two weeks yet to go, the Bryan Memorial University campaign for Knoxville and Knox county is well on the way to victory, about \$35,000 having been subscribed toward the \$50,000 sought here. The campaign for funds is being conducted on the "dime-a-day" plan, each subscriber pledging to pay ten cents a day for three years. Malcolm Lockhart, director of the campaign, is certain that the full quota will be subscribed.

Following the close of the campaign here, Mr. Lockhart and his staff will go to Asheville, N. C., where a similar drive will be made. Campaigns are to be conducted in all sections of the United States, working toward the national quota of \$5,000,000. More than \$450,000 has already been subscribed, principally from Tennessee. Bryan Memorial University will be established at Dayton.

News  
Knoxville, Tenn.

June 22, 1926

## FOR BRYAN FUND

Workers To Meet at Kern's On  
Tuesday at 6:30 p. m.

Workers in the Bryan Memorial University drive will meet at a banquet at Kern's Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. Frank E. Allen will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Theory of the Evolution of Man."

The last report of the drive was \$31,560, Malcom Lockhart, the director, says. The total is expected to be over \$40,000 after the meeting Tuesday., Knoxville's goal has been set for \$50,000.

Knoxville, Tenn

Sentinel

June 27, 1926

## \$41,009 Is Given For Bryan School

Director and Interested Persons Will Have Meeting at  
Farragut Monday.

Knox county to date has subscribed \$41,009.50 to the Bryan Memorial university campaign fund. Only \$8,990.50 remains to be subscribed between now and Thursday night, the time that the campaign is scheduled to close, according to Malcolm Lockhart, national director for the campaign.

L. H. Spilman, chairman of Knox county for the campaign, has requested 12 of the citizens of Knoxville most interested in the project to lunch with him at the Farragut hotel at noon Monday in order to lay plans for the successful completion of the campaign.

The Frances Willard chapter of the W. C. T. U. is having a meeting of its members at the offices of the campaign committee at 206 North Gay street Wednesday morning in order to form plans to aid in raising the sum still needed.

The grand total of funds raised for the proposed university when Knoxville completes her quota will be \$65,000, said Mr. Lockhart.

"Our confidence that Knox county's quota will be subscribed without difficulty," said Mr. Spilman. "lies in the fact that those who favor us are arm friends, who are willing to sacrifice for the cause."

Work on the buildings for Bryan Memorial university will be started early in 1927, and the school is expected to be ready for the freshman class in the fall of that year, Mr. Lockhart said.

Journal  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
7-21-26

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY FUND IS \$486,000

Buildings Expected To Be Begun Early In Year—Matthews Hill Site.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 21 (Spl.)—

The work of the Bryan Memorial University association is making rapid progress. Already \$486,000 have been subscribed, and it is expected that the sum will have reached \$1,000,000 by January 1.

F. E. Robinson, who is president of the association, says that actual construction of the buildings will be begun as soon after the first of January as the weather will permit, and school will be begun by fall of 1927 with the first year university course.

Each year a course will be added and at the end of four years the first degrees will be awarded.

Enterprise  
Etowah, Tenn.  
June 24, 1926

#### THE BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Tennesseans are naturally interested in any movement looking to the establishment of a great, Christian educational institution within the borders of the state, which will attract attention and interest of national scope.

This seems to be the outlook in connection with the building of the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton. East Tennesseans interested in the establishment of the University evidenced their wisdom in the beginning of the movement, by testing the national interest through the organization of a National Campaign Committee, which was the first step in the campaign for funds. The acceptance of places on this committee by educational and religious leaders from all over the country, of whom about a hundred accepted places on the Committee, heartened the leaders and encouraged them to go forward.

Active campaigns have so far been waged in parts of only two states, Tennessee and Florida, but the treasurer reports that subscriptions in hand now amount to more than \$430,000.

With this success in such limited territory, with Mr. Bryan's great personal following throughout the country, with the challenge and appeal there is in his life, character and teaching, and with such a large portion of the country yet untouched, the actual building of the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton on a large scale, seems to be an assured fact, and this is gratifying to Mr. Bryan's friends and admirers everywhere, and to Tennesseans in particular.—Knoxville Journal.

NEWS  
Copperhill, Tenn  
July 9, 1926  
KNOXVILLE'S QUOTA FOR  
BRYAN UNIVERSITY IS  
OVERSUBSCRIBED

Knoxville, Tenn., July 6.—The quota of \$50,000 assigned to Knoxville and Knox county in the \$5,000,000 campaign for the establishment at Dayton, Tenn., of a great university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, has been over-subscribed, it was made known today when Malcolm Lockhart, director for the national campaign staff which put over the campaign here will conduct a similar campaign in Asheville, N. C., and surrounding territory, beginning July 19th.

Mr. Lockhart expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the campaign in Knoxville and its results. In this connection he said:

"Knoxville is a fine spirited and beautiful city, and in no field where we have been have we found a warmer welcome or a more liberal response. The Bryan Memorial University Association and its officers, our campaign staff, and all interested in the erection of the memorial to one of America's greatest citizens wish to express our thanks and appreciation."

Mr. L.H. Spillman, general chairman of the campaign in Knox county, gave much credit to the organizations and individuals who assisted actively in putting the campaign over. Mr. Spillman said in relation to the campaign:

"Thanks and appreciation are due all those who have given liberally of time and money to complete so successfully and promptly the Knox county campaign.

"We who have engaged in this work would like to thank sincerely those who have worked enthusiastically in this campaign with us. We acknowledge our grateful thanks, especially to the newspapers, which have been very helpful and encouraging with their support, to the pastors of the various churches, to the Knox county Woman's Christian Temperance Union and its officers, to the Frances Willard and Knoxville Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, to the Knoxville Klan No. 14, and to the splendid group of citizens who served on our sponsoring and working committees."

An interesting incident of the campaign here was the subscribing to the founders' unit by the six Kreis brothers, each of whom subscribed \$100.



Journal  
Atlanta, Ga.  
July 28, 1928

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY SUCCESS ASSURED, DIRECTOR POINTS

### Shrinkage in Commoner's Estate Not to Affect Undertaking

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 18.—(P)—Construction by the Bryan Memorial University association of a fundamentalist college at Dayton, Tenn., in memory of the late William Jennings Bryan will not be affected by the probability that an endowment provided by the commoner in his will for such an institution under certain conditions will not materialize, Malcolm Lockhart, a director of the association, said here in a statement to the Associated Press.

His statement was drawn by a dispatch from Miami, Fla., on August 16 saying that the dream of Mr. Bryan to found a college to teach the fundamentalist conception of religion appeared to have been shattered by a court construction of his will, which had provided that one-fourth of the residue of his estate over \$200,000 should be set aside as an endowment for such a school. It was found, attorneys were quoted as saying, that the residue amounted to only \$127,000, which under the will would be divided among the heirs. The instrument specified that if the residue were less than \$200,000, the proposed endowment should be withheld.

The Bryan Memorial University association was formed after Mr. Bryan's death for the purpose of perpetuating his ideals in such a school.

"Mr. Bryan's dream has not been shattered," said Lockhart, "but gives much promise of full realization, with three-quarters of a million dollars in subscriptions obtained to date toward Bryan Memorial university, the first building of which is now under construction at Dayton.

"We are sorry to lose the bequest owing to shrinkage in real estate values, but this has never been counted in our fund and will not affect the success of the undertaking."

Marietta, Ga

TIMES

Jan 14, 1926

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY PLANS DESCRIBED

### BRYAN UNIVERSITY PLANS

Dayton, Tenn., Jan. 12.—An attractive book of twelve pages giving the plans for Bryan Memorial University has been printed and delivered to the Bryan Memorial University Association here for use in the \$5,000,000 campaign for funds. This prospectus gives a very comprehensive explanation of the Association's object and method and will be of interest to all concerned with the establishment of this great memorial to the late Commoner.

The booklet contains several attractive illustrations, the first of which is a full page picture of the late William Jennings Bryan. In the center of the book is a double page reproduction of the proposed school plant at Dayton, Tennessee.

In the booklet an article headed, "The Birth of the Idea," explains how the idea first originated to establish a memorial university to Mr. Bryan. "On the Thursday before he died on Sunday," the article says, "the Great Commoner walked out upon a commanding hill near Dayton with a group of Daytonians and selected a site for a junior college for boys, which he had in mind to found and promote. After his death so closely following his great fight in defense of the faith, the movement grew in conception and prospect, and it was determined to launch a national drive for \$5,000,000 to found a great university as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan and to stand for the faith for which he fought. Half of this amount is to be used for equipment and half for endowment. An organization was formed to found and promote the university, which secured a charter from the state of Tennessee as a general welfare corporation. An excerpt from its charter states that it is to have power to select a board of trustees for the university, every member of which shall believe in the historicity and infallibility of the Holy Bible and will so affirm to the satisfaction of the association."

The building program includes erection of about fifteen large buildings. The administration building, which will be the first unit of the school, is to be located on the crest of the hill Mr. Bryan selected just before his death.

A quarter of a million dollars has already been subscribed in the enterprise.

High Point, N.C.

Sep. 28, 1926

## BRYAN MEMORIAL FUND SUCCESSFUL

Nearly Half Million of Fund  
Subscribed For Great Uni-  
versity In Dayton, Tenn.

SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

DAYTON, Tenn., Sept. 25.—Some pertinent facts about the movement now under way to establish a great university at Dayton, as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, are given in the September 25 issue of the Literary Digest. An article appearing under the caption, "Brighter Days In Dayton," describes the Bryan Memorial university movement as being well on the way to success, \$488,532 of the five million dollars sought having been subscribed already, George F. Washburn, of Boston and Manomet, Mass., is chairman of the national campaign committee for the university.

Quoting from the Boston Globe, the article says:

"Malcolm Lockhart, campaign director, announces that among those who have agreed to serve on the national campaign committee with Mr. Washburn are Dr. Clinton N. Howard, chairman of the World Peace commission, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Harry L. Bowby, New York, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance; John Roach Straton, New York; Dr. W. H. Taft, head of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago; Charles F. Horner, Redpath Chautauqua, general manager, Kansas City; Paul Rader, noted evangelist, Chicago; Dr. Parley E. Zartman and Dr. W. E. Bierderwolf, of the Winona Lake Bible school; Dr. T. C. Horton, founder of the Los Angeles Bible Institute, and Dr. D. S. Kennedy, editor of the Presbyterian and Herald Presbyterian.

"Most of the contributions have come from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Miami and other communities in Tennessee and Florida. A campaign later in Massachusetts is contemplated. The first unit of the university will be an administration building and an infirmary.

"Mr. Lockhart remarked that an infirmary might be regarded as rather an unnecessary building at first. But he explained the plan. He said that A. P. Haggard, mayor of Dayton, has offered to give \$40,000 toward building of the Rena Clark Haggard Memorial hospital, and that the city of Dayton agreed to supplement this amount with \$30,000. The proposition will be presented, and is expected to be favorably voted upon, for the infirmary to be erected in connection with the college, and for it to be used for classrooms the first year.

#### **IV. LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL**

These articles are about the choice of a location for the school. Tradition has it that during the trial Mr. Bryan was taken to the present location of the school for a beautiful view of the town and the surrounding country side where he made the comment about "What a wonderful spot for a Christian school."

There were five different sites under consideration for the school. The first was donated by Joe F. Benson, an area teacher. It was 170 acres located three-quarters of a mile south of Dayton adjacent to the Dixie Highway.

The site chosen was the 81 acre site known as Matthew's Hill. It was paid for by local citizens. The site was finalized by mid-1926.

Magnet  
Erwine, Tenn.  
July 2, 1926

# RECOMMENDATIONS OFFERED ON SITE FOR BRYAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Dayton, Tenn., July 1.—The committee of prominent Tennessee educators which inspected last week the five sites offered to Bryan Memorial University, being established here, will make recommendations on these sites at a meeting of the incorporators of Bryan Memorial University Association which has been called for Friday night, July 2nd. Following is a brief description of three of the sites in the order in which they will be recommended:

First, the Mathis-Patton-Fisher property, 125 acres on the old Dixie highway, between Dayton and Decatur. One mile from the courthouse where the famous evolution case battle was fought. Has a magnificent grove of trees on top, consisting of seven or eight acres, providing "academic shade", as described by Dr. C. A. Keffer.

Second, the Benson property, one and one-half miles south of Dayton, on Dixie highway. Has 5,000 peach trees. Deed drawn up, effective when buildings erected.

Third, the Hayes property, one-half miles north, on the Dixie highway.

Five sites were offered on most attractive terms, three not to cost anything.

A two-thirds vote of the incorporators will be required to select a site.

Mrs. Bryan has written the association here suggesting that the site be dedicated on with reference to the greatest benefit accruing to the institution.

The committee inspecting the sites was composed of Lewis S. Pope, commissioner of state institutions; P. L. Harned, state commissioner of public institution, Dr. C. A. Keffer, director of the University of Tennessee extension division; and Prof. Ziegler, of Chattanooga. Ernest N. Haston, secretary of state, accompanied them.

# Mathews Hill Receives Unanimous Vote of Incorporators of University.

Dayton, Tenn., July 3.—(Special.)—The property known around Dayton as Mathews Hill was unanimously selected by the incorporators as the site of the Bryan Memorial University. The location consists of approximately eighty acres and is partially covered with virgin timber, making an ideal site for the institution. The property is located near the corporate limits of Dayton and can be seen from both the Dixie highway and the Cincinnati-Lookout Mountain highway, as well as the railroad. This is the site selected as the most desirable by a committee composed of P. L. Harned, state commissioner of education; Lewis S. Pope, commissioner of public institutions; J. S. Ziegler, Chattanooga superintendent of schools, and Prof. H. A. Keffer, department of extension, University of Tennessee. The site came as a gift to the institution, the cost being subscribed by local citizens.

Star  
Gadsden, Ala.

Aug. 8, 1926

# MATTHEWS HILL SCHOOL'S SITE

# Bryan University Now Has Land of Its Own.

Dayton, Tenn., July 8.—Mathews Hill, eighty-one acres on old Dixie highway between Dayton and Rhea Springs, will be the site for the Bryan Memorial university.

Selection of Mathews Hill was the result of a unanimous vote of the incorporators. The site has fourteen acres of wooded plateau.

The tract will be presented to the Bryan Memorial association unincumbered in fee simple within ninety days.

Times  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sept. 22, 1926

# BRYAN UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION OCT. 5

# Deed to Site to Be Delivered by People Who Are Donating Tract.

Chattanooga Times Special.

DAYTON, Tenn., Sept. 21.—A meeting of the officers, directors, and friends of the Bryan Memorial University association was held in the office of the Dayton Bank and Trust company building Monday evening, Sept. 20. Malcolm Lockhart, director of the campaign, was present, reporting his splendid work in Columbus, O. Gov. Victor Donahey has accepted the chairmanship for Franklin county.

The deed for the eighty-one acres of land, which was given free by citizens of Dayton, will be delivered Oct. 5 on the ground where the university is to be built. The following committee was appointed to make all arrangements: Joe F. Benson, chairman; W. L. Hodges, Prof. Fred C. Knight, Mrs. W. A. Sherman and Mrs. H. H. Frasn. Dinner will be served on the ground, after which the deed will be presented and music furnished by the Dayton band.

The architect was instructed to draw plans for the administration building, and work will begin immediately after the plans are finished. Buildings will be made of native stone, either blue granite trimmed with sandstone or boulders trimmed with sandstone, as the association is fortunate in having all of these stones within one mile from

Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
July 4, 1926

# BRYAN SCHOOL SITE CHOSEN

Mathews Hill Is Selected, Subscriptions for Building Now \$475,000.

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 3.—Mathews Hill, 81 acres on the old Dixie highway, between Dayton and Rhea Springs, will be the site for the Bryan Memorial university. The site was selected by unanimous vote of the incorporators present at a meeting last night.

The site has fourteen acres of wooded plateau on the crest, with a magnificent view down the valley. It will be presented to the Bryan Memorial association unincumbered in fee simple within 90 days.

J. T. Mathews offered the property at one-half the appraised value and the other half to be made up to purchase by interested citizens. Broyles Hill secured the second largest number of votes on the first ballot. On the second ballot the Mathews Hill site was designated.

Resolutions were passed thanking Joe F. Benson for his offer of a gift of 125 acres without cost.

Mathews Hill is the site unanimously recommended by the advisory committee on a recent inspection trip.

Total subscriptions for building purposes are now \$475,000.

Knoxville, Tenn

SENTINEL

Nov. 9, 1925

## RHEA COUNTY HOPES TO GET QUOTA BY TUESDAY

By International News Service.

DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 9.—With \$60,000 of Rhea county's quota of \$100,000 for the William Jennings Bryan Memorial university subscribed workers of the campaign today were pressing their efforts to subscribe the remainder and end the drive with a "Victory banquet" here Tuesday.

It is planned to build a "Fundamentalist" university here at the scene of Bryan's last triumph, the celebrated Scopes evolution trial.

Half a dozen farmers have offered to donate land for the proposed school, campaign workers reported an enthusiastic meeting here last night.

News-B.

Memphis, Tenn.

Oct. 8, 1925

## SELECT SITE FOR BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Special to The News Scimitar.  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 8.—A new site for the Bryan university in Dayton has been tentatively selected, option being taken on 200 acres which may be increased to 400 acres, according to J. M. Moore, of the Bryan memorial organization, who is in Knoxville today. The site is near the old ironworks. A Knoxville architect went over the new site yesterday with the committee, and today is preparing plans for the university.

Knoxville, Tenn

SENTINEL

Jan. 3, 1926

## Location Selected In Accord- nance With Wishes Express- ed By the Great Commoner.

Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.

DAYTON, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Plans have been completed for the \$2,000,000 Bryan Memorial, the plans having been drawn by Manley, Young and Meyer, architects, of Knoxville. While there are 14 or more buildings included in the original drawings, F. E. Robinson, of Dayton, president of the Bryan Memorial association, states that this is to cover a program over a period of 25 or 50 years and does not mean the \$2,000,000 plant will be erected at one time.

The first unit to be erected will be the administration building which has been located on top of the hill. The location of the institution has been selected in line with the wishes of Mr. Bryan, who suggested before his death that such an institution be established on a beautiful hill in South Dayton. It was directly in front of the home in which the great commoner spent his last days and it was while sitting on the front porch of this little cottage that he selected the site.

An academic course will be established first and accommodations will be provided in the first unit for 200 or 300 students. However, the complete plan calls for provision for 2,000 students. It is estimated the first unit will cost approximately \$250,000. The sum of \$300,000 has already been raised for the school and the campaign has just started. The association expects to have \$500,000 subscribed by April 1 and \$2,000,000 by January, 1928.

The site selected for the location of the university takes in 177 acres and is one of the most beautiful locations in Rhea county.

The group of buildings arranged on the knoll include an administration building with two science buildings immediately below the first unit. Below these are the dormitories, gymnasiums, a chapel and library.

A large stadium and athletic field has been located at the foot of the hill. The great commoner was so interested in the school that before his death he had even suggested the type of uniform for the students. This idea was that it should be a combination of blue and gray uniform to express the union of the north and south. His idea was that the evolution theory never be taught in this institution.

President Robinson and other Dayton officials will be guests at a big banquet at a local hotel in Chatanooga shortly after the hotel will be opened with C. F. Hood as chairman for that county.

Kingston, Tenn

CITIZEN

Apr. 15, 1926

## Bryan School Is Given

### Prof. Joe Benson Presents Deed for Tract On Which University to Be Built

DAYTON, Tenn., April 15.—Prof. Joe F. Benson, one of the leading teachers of this section and also prominent in Dayton civic affairs, last Saturday presented to the Bryan Memorial University association a deed to 170 acres of land to be used as a site for the proposed Bryan Memorial university at Dayton. The land is situated on the west side of the Dixie highway, three quarters of a mile below Dayton. The deed was signed by both Mr. Benson and his wife and was to become effective when first actual work of construction begins. It is probable that one or two other sites will be offered within the next week, since it was learned that the association might consider other locations than Broyles hill. Reports from Campaign Director Malcolm Lockhart in Miami Fla., are very gratifying to those interested in the Bryan memorial. Many subscriptions with substantial cash payments are being secured daily by Mr. Lockhart and his organization.

Herald  
Cleveland, Tenn.  
April 23, 1926

### TRACT IS PROFFERED AS SITE FOR BRYAN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Dayton, Tenn., April 15.—A tract of 170 acres situated on the Dixie highway just south of Dayton has been offered as a gift by Prof. Joe T. Benson, its owner, to the Bryan University association to be used as a site for the university now being established here. This is a very desirable tract, according to authorities, and the committee appointed by the association to consider the selection of a site for the university has taken the matter of its acceptance under advisement.

The national campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the establishment of this memorial to the Commoner is making steady progress, according to F. E. Robinson, president of the association. Gifts totalling \$25,000 have been received recently from friends and admirers of Mr. Bryan in the state of Florida. From Miami have come fifty-three subscriptions averaging \$250 each, five of these being \$1,000 or more. The five donors subscribing \$1,000 each are Mrs. Helen Long Graselli, Mrs. Ida E. Nelson, Thomas W. Rich, S. M. Tatum, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodson. It is anticipated that the Florida quota of \$250,000 will be fully subscribed this year.

Times,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
June 24, 1926

## ADVOCATE NEW SITE FOR BRYAN SCHOOL

### Committeemen Favor Mathews Hill, North of Dayton.

### Benson Farm Rated Second— Boyles Hill Not Suited for Big University.

*Chattanooga Times Special.*

DAYTON, Tenn., June 23.—Mathews hill, a short distance northwest of Dayton, was today recommended as the best local site for the proposed Bryan Memorial university, by a committee of school and landscape experts brought here to aid in solving Dayton's most vexing problem. The committee gave the Mathews' site a unanimous vote of approval, the Benson tract being rated second in desirability, the Hays tract third. The recommendation of the committee does not necessarily mean that the Mathews hill will be used, as costs and other considerations must be threshed out and the committee felt that both Benson and Hays tracts would make splendid locations for the university.

The committee consisted of the following: Lewis S. Paper, commissioner of state institutions, Nashville; John S. Zeigler, superintendent of city schools, of Chattanooga, and Charles A. Keffer, University of Tennessee, landscape artist and engineer, Knoxville; P. L. Harned, state superintendent of education, Nashville; Ernest Haston, secretary of state.

On account of the publicity given Broyles' hill in the inception of the movement for the Bryan school, the committee paid especial attention to this proposed site. Their decision was that, while the hill perhaps would be ample for the sort of school Bryan first visualized, a boys' academy, for the purposes of a university and a possible immense future growth, however, the committee found that the top of the hill was too limited in area for an extension and that the sides are not adaptable except at prohibitive cost. The directors of the association already have assurances from the Bryan family that they are not committed to the Broyles site and that they absolutely do not want to hamper the project by insisting on its use. Mrs. Bryan wrote that the Commoner merely chanced to inspect the hill the Friday before he died and that if he had not died he would have inspected other sites.

The committee's report said, in substance, that they had inspected the Broyles, Benson, Mathews, Knight and Hays tracts and that they had been guided in forming their judgment solely by the adaptability of sites for the purposes intended, considering present needs and future development and that under these tests they considered the Mathews' site by far the most desirable of those suggested, the Benson tract ranking second, the Hays tract third.

The committee was selected some weeks ago, the idea originating with H. H. Frasa, president of the Bryan Memorial University association. F. E. Robinson and W. C. Robinson met four of the five visitors in Chattanooga this morning, Campaign Director Malcolm Lockhart bringing Prof. Keffer from Knoxville. The two parties met at 10 o'clock this morning and first inspected Broyles hill. After luncheon at the Hotel Aqua, the other four sites were inspected in order. Mr. Haston left early in the afternoon, after concurring with the report, but too early before it was compiled—for signing. Mr. Pope returned to Nashville. Profs. Harned and Zeigler left for Knoxville with Mr. Lockhart and Prof. Keffer. The two superintendents are en route to the superintendents' conference in Johnson City.

Prof. Keffer was particularly enthusiastic in his praise of Dayton's landscape possibilities. He said that he had seen no place that offered more attractive sites for school plants or any other large institutions.

The site recommended by the committee was suggested only a few days ago and as yet no offer has been made by its owners. The hill is located just northwest of the city limits, the grade beginning at the north end of the concrete on Main street. It contains twelve acres of beautiful, ornamental timber which, Prof. Keffer said, could not be duplicated in fifty years of cultivation. In the midst of these triumphs of nature the school buildings could be placed and the committee feels that there would be no more beautiful university site in the United States. Praise also was given to the possibilities of the Benson and Hays sites. The Knight site on campground hill, also northeast of town, has some backers among the people of Dayton.

The Benson site has been offered the university without charge and before any site is adopted the directors feel that they should investigate the matter of expense and locate the plant on the best possible tract, consistent with economy. A meeting of the directors has been called for July 2 and the resolution calling the meeting provides that a two-third vote will be required for the adoption of any site.

## **V. GROUND BREAKING**

Ground breaking for the first building was on November 25, 1926. Tennessee Governor, Austin Peay, "turned the first spade" and delivered the dedication address.

"Before more than 10,000 persons and amid a village decorated and festooned for the occasion, Governor Austin Peay today turned the first shovel of dirt . . . " He accepted the property for the Bryan Memorial Association and gave high praise to Bryan. He pleaded for more Christian teachers so that "there would be no conflict between science and religion in education."

Mrs. Minnie Allison Welch, , an advocate of prohibition, also spoke. She told of the service rendered by William Jennings Bryan in her cause. She predicted that prohibition would be permanent. Her speech was well received.

Many notables that were involved in the Scopes Trial were present, including Bryan aids, Sue Hicks and J. G. McKenzie, and John R. Neal of the prosecution.

Augusta, Ga.

REVIEW

Dec 4, 1926

## Governor Breaks Ground For Bryan University

Dayton, Tenn.—The first shovelful of earth broken for the \$250,000 Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn., was turned Nov. 3 by Gov. Austin Peay, who signed the state anti-evolution law which precipitated the Scopes trial. Gov. Peay eulogized Bryan and pleaded for more "Christian men and women teachers."

Telegraph

Macon, Ga.  
11-6-26

## HUNDREDS SEE GROUND BROKEN FOR FIRST UNIT OF MEMORIAL TO 'THE COMMONER' AT DAYTON

Christian Teachers In Schools Would Check Conflict Between  
Science and Religion and Establish Bryan's Version  
of Bible Overnight, Peay States

DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 5. (AP)—The dream of followers of William Jennings Bryan that a permanent memorial might rise on the spot where he staged his last battle for Fundamentalism and that it might continue to further the cause he so vigorously espoused, took actual form here today when ground was broken for the first unit of Bryan Memorial University.

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### Neal Sees Exercises

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Governor Peay and his party were met in Chattanooga early in the day by prominent local citizens and brought here in automobiles. Streets and principal buildings of the village were draped with American flags and gaily fluttering decorations. Preceding the ceremony, an informal reception for the Governor was tendered

in the lobby of the Hotel Anna.

Scores of telegrams from members of the Bryan family and admirers throughout the country were received and read at the exercises on the site of the university.

"The enthusiasm and devotion of those sponsoring this school will soon carry it to fruition and great usefulness," Governor Peay said. "There is no doubt that Bryan University should take its place quickly among the notable institutions of the South and nation."

### "Name Is Magic"

"It will bear a magic name—a name that for more than a quarter of a century was a household word with the world. It is a name that conjured the admiration and affection of millions in our country from the moment he first appeared in our public life until his lamented death here amid these beautiful hills of East Tennessee."

"In many particulars of courage and sincerity the public and private life of the great Commoner was a conspicuous example. He came into action at a crucial time in the politics and economics of the nation. Privilege was fast gaining an arrogant control. The government was more and more being seized and used by special interests. Jefferson was no more an ardent defender of popular rule and the democracy of men. Perhaps he never scaled the tallest heights of statesmanship, but in courage and devotion to his principles he was true and loyal. His mighty influence was ever on the side of religion and morality. He dared to bare his soul to the world. He lived and died a noble, pure and God-fearing man."

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Tribune  
Blackwell, Ok.  
11-6-26

## BREAK GROUND FOR MEMORIAL TO 'THE COMMONER'

Begin Work On First Unit  
Of Bryan Memorial  
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LOCATED AT DAYTON

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Nov. 6, 1926

# GROUND BROKEN FOR MEMORIAL TO COMMONER

Gov. Austin Peay Turns First  
Spadeful of Dirt.

**SPEAKERS EULOGIZE  
BRYAN AND TENNESSEE**

**Cite, Located on a Beautiful  
Knoll, Thrills Crowd With  
Beauty—Perfect Loca-  
tion for School.**

*Staff Special.*

DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 5.—Dreams of the followers of the principles of fundamentalism, as proclaimed by Williams Jennings Bryan, of the construction of a great institution of learning dedicated to the cause of Christian education, sans evolution, took their first step toward practical realization today when ground was broken for Bryan Memorial university. Hundreds of people of Dayton and surrounding territory, with a number of visitors from other sections, witnessed a somewhat somber, solemn ceremony, in which Gov. Austin Peay turned the first spadeful of dirt, and speakers eulogized the memory of the Commoner and praised the state of Tennessee. It was a memorable event to those of Rhea county who witnessed it, and two little youngsters, each bearing a brick proudly and advertising it as the first that the spade used by the governor upturned, were typical of the spirit of importance that attached to the occasion among the people.

Those who visited and inspected the site for the first time were thrilled by the beauty of the plateau knoll that has been dedicated to the school and were impressed with its possibilities. The site, known for years as "Matthews hill," is vastly superior to Broyles hill, in that ample room is available on its summit for all the buildings the university will need, even should the maximum of the plans of its sponsors be attained. The building which was formally begun today is planned to be 370 feet long, fronting west, just at the edge of the beautiful grove that tops the tract. A gently rising approach for several hundred yards gives ample opportunity for the landscape architect to plan a magnificent approach.

Southward, down the valley, one can see for many miles, and it is said that people who come from the south on trains can view the building, when it is erected, from the time the train turns into the big gap several miles south of Dayton. In the foreground, to the left, nestles the pretty little city of Dayton, the little courthouse, in which was fought the famous trial, showing through the trees. Westward, across the valley, lie the foothills of Walden's ridge and the rock-rimmed crest of the ridge itself in the distance. From the eastern edge of the grove, where the next building is

planned north, have again these beautiful hills of East Tennessee.

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Continuing, the governor told a story of three newspapermen who called on him while he was in a Michigan hospital during the days of the Scopes trial. "The reporters are smart fellows," he said. "They came full of criticism and ready to pounce on anything I might say." The governor said that he asked the men what they knew about Tennessee, and found that they knew nothing; that they had never been in Tennessee; that one of them didn't know what was the capital of the state, and the other knew it was Knoxville; that they had never read of Tennessee's heroic past. He boasted of Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson, Forrest and Farragut, with other noted sons of the past, and said that Tennessee had given more famous men to the nation than any other state except Virginia. It's not all a matter of distant history, he said, citing Alvin York, the greatest individual member of the World war, as a Tennessean, and recalling that three out of seven United States commissioners of education have been native of the state. In patriotic vein he told of the perpetuation of the Johnson tailor shop at Greeneville, Tenn., and said a visit to that city would serve as a tonic for any man's love of the state.

Reverting to the theme of education, the governor said:

"Training youth is a sublime responsibility. The call for Christian education is greater than ever before. American institutions are founded on and guarded by the Bible. They are gone when the youth of this land are taught to disbelieve the Bible.

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## Mrs. Welch Tells of Bryan As Advocate of Prohibition.

Mrs. Minnie Allison Welch, in an inspirational address, told of the services rendered by Mr. Bryan to the cause of prohibition. She quoted Mr. Bryan as predicting that prohibition has come to stay, and reiterated the prophecy. Her address was purely along prohibition lines and was popular with the crowd, who applauded frequently.

Following Mrs. Welch's address, F. E. Robinson, president of the association, read a number of telegrams from members of the Bryan family, praising the Memorial association for its efforts. One was from Mrs. Grace Bryan Hargrave, daughter of the Commoner, in Los Angeles; another from William Jennings Bryan Jr., and a third from Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, in Miami. Vic Donaghey, re-elected governor of Ohio, and leader of the Bryan University campaign in that state, also wired his congratulations on the day and C. A. Dagley, first contributor, wired best wishes from Hollywood, Fla. Still another telegram was from George F. Washburn, now in Clearwater, Fla., Mr. Washburn concluding his message with the statement, "The Fundamentalists of the nation should rally to the financial and educational success of this Memorial university."

Miss Drewena Robinson recited most impressively an original poem suited to the occasion.

The breaking of the ground was the concluding ceremony. Malcolm Lockhart, director of the financial campaign, presided. Gov. Peay turned the dirt.

A copious basket dinner, with plenty for all and much left over, was served before the crowd dispersed.

planned to be erected, is another beautiful river; nor is there an unsightly object to mar the expanse of mingled hills and valleys which can be seen from north or south. It is the plan of the sponsors of the university to build around the beautiful grove, destroying as few of the ancient trees as possible and leaving a beautiful, shaded campus, through which students of the university can stroll and keep in touch with nature at the very doors of the school itself.

Gov. Peay was accompanied from Chattanooga this morning by W. E. Brock, his campaign manager for Hamilton county, and W. E. Brock, Jr.; Charles F. Hood, who managed the financial campaign for the university in Hamilton county; Mrs. Minnie Allison Welch, president of the Tennessee State W. C. T. U.; H. H. Frasa, secretary of the Bryan Memorial University association; Dr. T. W. Callaway, pastor of the Baptist tabernacle, and a number of other Chattanoogaans. Gathered on and around the platform, in addition to members of the Bryan Memorial University association, were a number of men who had figured prominently in the Scopes trial of just a little more than a year ago. The prosecution was represented by J. Gordon McKenzie, Ben G. McKenzie and Herbert Hicks. John R. Neal, of counsel for the defense, was a spectator. Walter White, prosecutor in the case and late candidate for governor against Gov. Peay, was not present.



## **VI. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BRYAN FAMILY**

These articles detail some of the things the family of William Jennings Bryan did in support of the beginning of the school.

Mrs. Mary Brown, widow of Mr. Bryan, expressed much thanks to F. E. Robinson and others for their leadership and success of the Bryan Memorial Association in raising funds for the school. Mrs. Bryan also presented a significant number of books from her husband's personal library. These included books by Charles Darwin, Spinoza, and Nietzsche that had Bryan's comments in the margins. Unfortunately, these were lost in the fire of 2000.

A portion of Mr. Bryan's estate was also given to the school.

Mountain  
Linden, Tenn  
Dec. 14, 1930

## BRYAN MEMORIAL RECEIVES COMMONER'S LIBRARY

Dayton, Tenn. Dec. 8 (special)  
Over three hundred books from the library of the late William Jennings Bryan have just been received here for the library of the Bryan Memorial University which is now being built in Dayton as a tribute to the Commoner and the principles for which he stood. These books, which came as a gift from Mrs. Bryan, will be highly prized by the institution, according to F. E. Robinson, president of the association.

Among the books are two volumes of Darwin's "Descent of Man" and one volume of his "Origin of the Species." These and several books by Spinoza and Nietzsche have marked passages with marginal comments by Mr. Bryan, which seem to have been made in preparation for his successful prosecution of the Scopes case immediately preceding his death here.

The books have been placed in the Bryan Memorial University office awaiting completion of the first unit of the University, which is now under construction. With them are seven hundred other volumes presented to the University by the wife and daughter of the late Rev. A. H. Kistler, making a nucleus of over

Post  
Athens, Tenn  
Dec. 14, 1928

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Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
Feb. 5, 1925

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Endorses Memorial Movement  
and Will Give \$50,000  
Towards University.

*Special to The Knoxville Sentinel.*  
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Dr. Clinton F. Howard, chairman of the peace commission and personal friend of William Jennings Bryan was the speaker of the evening. At the conclusion of his address Dr. Howard told of his writing Mrs. Bryan as to whether or not the proposed university was approved by the Bryan family and ask regarding the \$50,000 bequest made by Mr. Bryan. Mrs. Bryan in reply said that they heartily endorsed the movement and thought Dayton the logical site for such a school and that when the university was an assured project that the family intended to give the money left by Mr. Bryan for the establishment of such a school.

Those who accompanied the band were: S. K. Stout and son, R. J. Rev. Chas. Jones, Joe Benson, Edgar Broyles, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robinson, Mrs. Colonel Brown, Mrs. Nick McCabe, Mrs. H. S. Presnell, Fred C. Knight, R. V. Reese.

Mobile, Ala

REGISTER

Mar 20, 1927

## BUST OF COMMONER

Memorial University Is Given Statue  
By Daughter

DAYTON, Tenn., March 19.—(P)—The Bryan Memorial University association received a bust of William Jennings Bryan from Mrs. Grace Jennings Bryan Hargreaves, of Beverly Hills, California, today. The bust was done soon after the 1896 campaign by Elizabeth Ney and was received by the association on Mr. Bryan's birthday.

Times  
Springfield, Tenn

Dec. 3, 1925

## Mrs. Bryan Thanks Rhea County Workers

Dayton, Tenn. Nov. 28.—In a telegram to F. E. Robinson, of Dayton, president of the Bryan Memorial University Association, Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, widow of the late Commoner, congratulates the Rhea County workers on the success of their campaign for Bryan Memorial University. The telegram is as follows:

Cocoanut Grove, Fla.

F. E. Robinson,  
Dayton, Tenn.

Many thanks for telegram Heartiest congratulations on splendid success of Rhea County Campaign. Am deeply touched by the tribute paid to Mr. Bryan's memory.

"Mary B. Bryan"

Rhea County Tennessee, which had set its goal at \$100,000 for the Fundamentalist university being established here, announced gifts totalling \$202,000 at the close of the campaign last week. The campaign is now being rapidly extended to other Tennessee counties and will later assume a national aspect.

Memphis, Tenn  
Commercial-Appeal

Dec. 5, 1925

## BRYAN LAUDED.

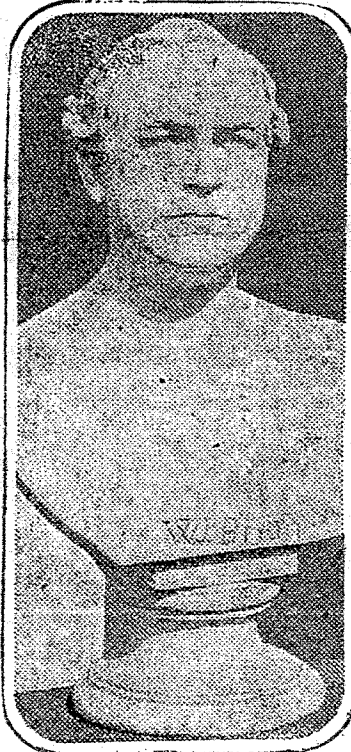
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The appointment of William H. Cosby of Birmingham, Ala., as a member of the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bryan, was announced.

Bulletin  
Bristol, Va. Tenn.

April 5, 1927



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Knoxville, Tenn

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Journal  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
June 15, 1927

## BRYAN'S DAUGHTER IS GUEST IN DAYTON

Chautauqua Lecturer Ap-  
proves Memorial Site.

DAYTON, Tenn., June 14 (Spl.)

—Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan was in Dayton Saturday, with the Colonial Ladies quintet, she was presented by the Redpath Chautauqua, her lecture topic being "Modern Arabian Nights."

In the afternoon, accompanied by F. E. Robinson, H. H. Frasa, W. C. Haggard and B. L. Morgan, officers of the Bryan Memorial University association, and members of her party, Mrs. Owen visited the hill selected as the site for the university as a memorial to her father. She expressed herself as pleased with the location. She also visited the office of the association and congratulated the officials on the progress made.

Mrs. Owen stated that the Bryan family was planning to be present at the dedication of the administration building, and that Ruth the third, great granddaughters of the Commoner, and granddaughter of Mrs. Owen, would raise the flag over the memorial tower.

Progress

Lexington, Tenn.

Dec. 21, 1928

## Gets Part Of Commoner's Library.

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## **VII. THE SUPREME KINGDOM**

One of the more interesting contributions toward the founding of Bryan College was from Edward Young Clarke. He had previously been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but left that organization and started another called the Supreme Kingdom. Its purpose was to eliminate the teaching of evolution in the schools and colleges, especially in Georgia, and to eliminate from public office those who were not a fundamentalist and antievolutionist. The organization contributed \$100,000 for the beginning of the school.

Feb 26, 1925

## RIVAL ORGANIZATION OF K. K. K. FINDING FAVOR IN THE SOUTH

Atlanta, Feb. 26.—A rival organization of the Ku Klux Klan is finding favor in the South.

Edward Young Clarke, formerly a moving force in the Klan, is at the head of the new organization known as the "Supreme Kingdom." Membership is open at \$10 to Nordic Protestants who uphold "fundamentalism" and the principles of the late William Jennings Bryan, and believe the Bible and not "evolution" should be taught in the schools.

Clarke was until recently affiliated with a movement to organize a "Knights of the Flaming Sword."

The avowed purpose of the "Supreme Kingdom" is to eliminate teaching of the theory of evolution in schools and colleges. It also proposes to keep out of public office any man who does not pass its test as a fundamentalist and anti-evolutionist.

It sponsors two pretentious projects. One is to build on Lookout Mountain, in Tennessee, a large radio station to broadcast Bible instruction and hymn tunes. The other is to found the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn., scene of the Scopes "evolution trial."

A "national conference of anti-evolutionists" has been called to meet in Atlanta, March 16 and a state convention of the "Supreme Kingdom" is planned for the same date to begin an intensive membership drive in Georgia.

Clarke has just announced this in sending out a questionnaire to teachers, ministers and prominent men throughout Georgia. The replies will be catalogued for future reference in the activities of the order, to show how each person stands on religion and evolution.

These are the questions:

First: Do you believe in God as the creator of the universe?

Second: Do you believe in man as God's highest creation, made in His own likeness and image, separate and distinct from all other of His

God?

Fourth: Are you in sympathy with the doctrines of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Fifth: Are you opposed to the theory of evolution or a heism or any other theory which seeks to establish a materialistic philosophy regarding God and creation?

Every candidate for public office in Georgia (there are city, county and state elections this year) will receive one of these questionnaires, it is stated.

After the "Supreme Kingdom" has established itself in this state its activities will be carried to other sections of the country. At least that is the plan of the present leaders, who include as incorporators and officers William J. Mahoney, a former imperial officer of the Klan, and Henry J. Norton cyclops of the first unit of the Klan in its infancy. W. J. Simmons, founder of the modern Klan and its former imperial wizard, is understood to be lending his influence to the new organization.

Times  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
April 15, 1926

### STULTIFYING THE CAUSE

We do not know that we ought to be concerned much about the Bryan Memorial University of Dayton, principally because it is being founded in bigotry and narrowing religious prejudices, but it may be interesting to note that a gift of a hundred thousand dollars from the mythical organization known the the Supreme Kingdom has been accepted to build the memorial school.

The Supreme Kingdom was daddied by the E. Y. Clarke, and his associates—that's enough for us. Its published air, so far as we have seen in print, is to keep teachers out of the Atlanta school system who believe in anything which Clarke and his associates & illiterate associates, we might say—do not believe. Its chief aim is an intensified anti-Catholic agitation and to capitalize on Bryan's last fight—to keep down all discussions of the theories of evolution everywhere.

To give a hundred thousand—which it has not and never will have long enough to give to anything permanent—would be a fine advertisement for the Imperial Kingdom. That's where Clarke can shine. He knows pretty well how to bring in the easy guys and trim them of their money. And they believe they are contributing to the salvation of the youth of the land—to the freedom of the great American Republic—to human liberties. In truth, they are hamstringing research, building on prejudices and a hate that will consume the Christian religion like a cancer wherever it flourishes.—Cordele Dispatch.

## **VIII. DR. JOHN R. NEAL**

Dr. John R. Neal, Rhea County native, was the chief counsel for the defense of John Scopes, even though Clarence Darrow received most of the acclaim. Neal's father was a very successful officer in the Army of the Confederacy. His brother, George Neal, was a Rear Admiral in the Navy during World War I. He was successful in dispatching several German ships during the war. He was honored with the privilege of taking President Woodrow Wilson across the Atlantic several times.

John R. Neal was professor of law at the University of Tennessee. He was at one point fired by the president of the University, and subsequently started his own successful law school in Knoxville. He was very eccentric, especially in his old age. He reportedly was seen walking around town with a banana peel hanging out of his coat pocket. Some called him "the father of TVA," but again he did not receive the acclaim for it.



Messenger  
Marshall, Tex.  
Feb. 24, 1926

TEXAS

News  
Griffin, Ga.  
Nov. 12, 1926

## DAYTON, TENN., MAN SAYS IGNORANCE AND FEAR LED TO TRIAL OF SCOPES

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Dr. John R. Neal, of Dayton, chief counsel for John T. Scopes in his trial last summer for backing evolution in the Dayton High School, yesterday declared cowardice of those in high places, and gross ignorance, particularly reasons for the "Battle of Dayton, Tennessee." Dr. Neal addressed the Open Forum at the Hippodrome Theater.

"The statement made thirty years ago by Walter Hines Page that the South, more than any other place in the world, is ruled by the priesthood, is true today," Dr. Neal said. "I would add to it the statement that in no place in the world today is the clergy so lacking in education.

### Explains Tennessee Belief

"In Tennessee the belief is held that men are 'called' to preach and that therefore education of these leaders of the people is not only unnecessary but is an insult to the deity."

Dr. Neal traced the history of education and religious freedom in his State. Until shortly before the Civil War liberality and freedom were safeguarded, he said. Then came a wave of Methodism with its camp meeting and emotional revivals, only to be surpassed after the war by the Baptists, who now dominate the State, the speaker asserted.

"The largest Baptist church in the world is just a few miles from Dayton," he said.

### Ignorance is Cited

"Since the Civil War, first poverty and then control by ignorant or cowardly leaders kept the minds of Tennesseans in a state of arrested development. Until recently not even secondary schools were provided for the public. The people generally and the clergy are absolutely ignorant of all that is going on in the world of arts, science, education and even theology.

"In the '70's three colleges were founded that gave real hope. However, their present estate is indicated by two facts. When the anti-evolution law was before the Legislature, the president of the largest of them said that he 'was not in-

terested' in it. At the Scopes trial the dean of the law school of the same university and many of the other lawyers from the same school were employed by the State for the prosecution.

"The Governors of the State have ignored the charter of the university and appointed men without even high school education to its board of trustees. Today only one member of the board is an alumnus.

"The real yokels of Tennessee are not the poor backwoodsmen who sincerely want their children educated but don't understand what education is, but those who sit in the seats of the mighty and lack courage.

"We also have succeeded in checking the passage of other anti-evolution laws. Kentucky and North Carolina recently have rejected almost unanimously bills similar to that which was ratified in Tennessee. Prior to the trial it commonly was believed that these measures would be passed.

"There are dark spots today, however, Dayton, first willing to commercialize the battle, now is equally willing to commercialize the death of its hero—Bryan. Until a week ago I considered the Bryan University harmless. Then I found that it has been harnessed to E. Y. Clark, ex-leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

### Author of Bill Seeks Office

"Governor Peay will be up for re-election for a third term shortly. He declares he will veto any attempts to repeal the anti-evolution bill, and the only other candidate so far announced is the author of that bill. So we will still have with us the battle for educational freedom.

"In defense of the State I should say that a few weeks ago the Academy of Sciences of Tennessee adopted a resolution condemning the anti-evolution bill. This is the first organization to voice any formal disapproval of the law in the State. At Knoxville, a students' meeting adopted similar resolutions. This means that the young are awake and presages ultimate victory for enlightenment."

## Will Enjoin City Using Bonds For Bryan University

DAYTON, Tenn., Nov. 10.—Dr. John R. Neal, counsel in the famous Scopes evolution trial, has announced he will attempt to enjoin the city of Dayton from using bonds voted by the citizens in building the Bryan memorial university.

"The university officials have the right to raise all the money they can by popular subscription but there is no legitimate right for them to use the public funds of the people for a private purpose," said Neal.

"I shall ask the court to enjoin any transfer of the city's bonds to the Bryan fund and shall likewise enjoin the city's contemplated bond issue of \$50,000 in the event it is voted," declared Neal.

"Regardless of what the legislature wants to do with the money I shall make a fight in behalf of the people," said Neal.

## **IX. CRITICS OF BRYAN UNIVERSITY**

There were many outspoken critics of the purpose and establishment of Bryan University. One critic said about contributors to the school that "We can not fancy a better target for those who have money to throw at the birds than this (Bryan College).

Another, speaking of the first president, said, "Dr. Guille may be an excellent business man. We suspect that he is. But we're inclined to discount quite heavily his educational attainments or possibilities."

Still another said, "To submit an institution to the domination of a group which holds the teaching of the theory of evolution to be blasphemy and defilement is to dedicate it to bigotry."

The critics generally say that a college dedicated to the truth and infallibility of Biblical scripture, especially with reference to human origins, will be an enemy to true science and scientific research.

News  
Greensboro, N.C.  
May, 5, 1927

### BIGGER AND BETTER HOLY WAR.

The Fundamentalist Foundation for the Advancement of Fundamental Education, projected this week at the Atlanta meeting of the World's Christian Fundamentalist association, sets up a larger objective than any other of the similar organizations which have been announced periodically since the Dayton trial. The financial goal is \$25,000,000 in five years; the purpose is to "minister to the needs of fundamentalist schools and colleges already existing and to be organized throughout the United States." The enemy is modernism.

What modernism is and what it is doing may be gathered from the various discoveries and suggestions discussed by members of the association. From these it has been possible to learn, for instance, that:

1. The "recent epidemic of student suicides" was caused by modernistic teachings;
2. The world war was caused by the same teachings;
3. The "mockers" and the "false prophets" who are today "attacking the Christian religion" are rapidly bringing about the "last days" prophesied in the Scriptures;
4. The time has come for a "new alignment of religious interests in America into fundamentalist, liberalist and Romanist groups."

Originally this war was to be conducted by Bryan Memorial university at Dayton. Later it was to be conducted by a series of such universities. Still later it was to be by a radio station on Lookout mountain. Further on the idea was an association headed by the man most successful in selling memberships in the Ku Klux Klan. Yet again it was to have the leadership of the Rev. John Roach Straton (now reporting the Snyder trial for the New York Evening Journal). Between these announcements were others of additional movements. But in all of them combined we never heard a sum mentioned that looked like \$25,000,000.

But for that matter we have never heard that any of them was a marked success. Obviously the method is to be changed. We are now to have a bigger and better holy war.

Wheeling, W. Va

### NEWS

Jan 14, 1926

### MEMORIALS TO WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

Several different ideas and various localities have put in their claim since the subject of a memorial to William Jennings Bryan was first broached after his death. Among the foremost is one for a Bryan Commons of "suitable, useful structures for the service of the people," with long-wanted national carrillon as the central figure, at Washington, D. C. and another for a Bryan University at Dayton, Tennessee.

There are many reasons why Dayton's project should be forgotten: Bryan's fanatic crusade against a generally accepted scientific theory, reaching its supreme folly in the evolution trial at that place last summer may be considered a flaw in a reputation and character otherwise entirely worthy of commemoration in the way proposed.

A memorial will survive for hundreds of years, and will outlast almost all of our present ideas on science. In that time, who knows what discoveries may be made along the lines of support for the evolutionary theory? And what reason have we to believe, from what we already know that any discoveries will knock the theory into the proverbial cocked hat? Unless there is some ground for certainty on that subject, a memorial at Dayton will be a blot on the memory of Bryan, not an honor to him. Perpetuation of a mistaken, misdirected zeal by means of an architectural memorial will be doing an injustice to the man. Posterity will be more likely to remember, in that case, that Bryan prosecuted Scopes, not that he was one of the outstanding figures in the political and religious life of the twentieth century.

Again, if that university idea came to fruition, evolution, the mention and study of it, would be banned, as a matter of consistency. But suppose that indubitable proof came to light later, and that a new and more enlightened generation demanded a thorough weighing of the opposing evidence for Genesis and evolution, and a future faculty of that university would be forced to include the study of evolution in the curriculum? That would be a supreme travesty, and one can well imagine the ponderous body of William Jennings Bryan straining at the bonds of death, or as the saying is, turning over in his grave.

Admirers of the Great Commoner will oppose that Dayton memorial.

## Telegram

Field, W. Va

ov 17, 1926

### A BRYAN MEMORIAL

However much one might have disagreed with William Jennings Bryan's stand at Dayton, Tenn., a few years ago in defense of fundamentalism as tested in the famous Scopes anti-evolution case, one is nevertheless impressed by the zeal shown by his followers in establishing a memorial to the dead commander on the spot where he waged his last fight just before his death. For the ground has been broken at Dayton for the first unit of the Bryan Memorial University, with Governor Peay, of Tennessee, turning the first shovelful of earth in the presence of 10,000 persons gathered to honor the memory of the outstanding fundamentalist of his time.

The Bryan Memorial University is to be an institution of learning. Already it has an endowment gathered through subscriptions totaling \$250,000. There is a tract of land of eighty-one acres that will form the campus of the school, which is to be situated on a knoll commanding a panoramic view of the rugged foothills of eastern Tennessee and the little court house where the Scopes trial was held in which Mr. Bryan fought to the last against the teaching of evolution and was triumphant.

In his eulogy of Mr. Bryan, Gov. Peay made a plea for "more Christian men and women teachers" in order that there might be no con-

dict between science and religion. It would be impossible, of course, for anyone to forget the issue between the state and the defense, or rather between the liberals and the fundamentalists in the Scopes trial. There were notables engaged on both sides, outstanding among whom were Mr. Bryan and Clarence Darrow, but after the trial was over and a verdict was reached they stood right where they were when the thing started. Neither side was convinced by the other, which might have been foreseen long before the trial opened.

There should be no conflict between science and religion. It is not difficult to agree with Governor Peay, who made the appeal for an ending of the controversy. Yet, with all due respect to the memory of William Jennings Bryan, it may be said that the actual conflict is not so much in the difference of beliefs—for these are limited—but in the methods employed without thought given to tolerance. Take, for example, the foremost astronomers. They are not without religion. Indeed, some of the foremost are convinced that there is a divine spirit, a supreme commander of the universe. So in other branches of science where, even if the existence of forces may point in new directions, men of learning have discovered eloquent illustrations of the infinitive power that must be attributed to some authoritative source. In fact, science might, if permitted, contribute more to religion and religious beliefs than anything else. Tolerance, however, seems to be imperative in face of scientific facts long since established as incontrovertible truths. Mr. Bryan's inability to do this was his best known weakness, but, strangely enough, it appears to have won for him one of his greatest distinctions.

Herald  
Durham, N.C.  
June 11, 1927

### A CERTAIN FAILURE

The authorities of Bryan university, Dayton, Tenn., have tendered the presidency of the institution to a Princeton professor because he has gained a reputation as pronounced fundamentalist. The Princeton man hasn't announced his decision on the invitation, but if he cares much for a regular job he will stay where he is.

Bryan university was born of an idea which developed in the minds of the rantankerous fundamentalists who were stirred up over the Scopes trial which was held in Dayton. William Jennings Bryan, who was chief counsel for the prosecution, died in that town following the ending of the famous trial. Those who had been wrought up to an excited state of mind because of the defense of "the faith" which Bryan had made in that trial, immediately struck while the iron of sentiment was hot, and conceived the idea of building a university as a memorial to Bryan. It was especially stated that the school would teach only the fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible and that no other would be permitted. It was to be strictly dogmatic. That in itself precluded it ever becoming an institution of learning. It seems that the zealous-minded fundamentalists have really reached the point where they believe there will be a university. Most of the folks throughout the country had forgotten all about the plans, and had reached the conclusion that the idea had met the fate it deserved. However, the announcement the other day that a professor had been asked to become head of the college shows that there are still some who are striving to put the idea into effect.

The plan, so far as education is concerned, is doomed from the beginning. Any scheme which has for its purpose restricting studies and ideas immediately takes itself out of the educational world. The mere fact that only such things as the board of trustees want taught shall be taught at Bryan university means that it has no place in the scheme of education. If that were not enough to kill it, the selection of a president because he is a strict and uncompromising fundamentalist only makes more certain its death. Any educational institution which is guided solely by either extreme modernistic or extreme fundamentalistic principles is doomed to failure, and should be. Any school that is operated on any basis other than the truth, and the untrammelled search for truth has no business to even call itself an educational institution.

Phoenix

Muskogee, Ok.

Nov. 13, 1925

Monroe, N.C.

Austin, Tex.

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STANDARD

Jan 13, 1927

Dec 9, 1927

A state manager has arrived to put on a campaign in North Carolina for funds for the "Bryan Memorial University" which is to be established at Dayton, Tenn., in memory of the Commoner who died there at the close of the Scopes trial. The manager says that \$700,000 has been subscribed to date, a fifth if it coming from North Carolina. We cannot fancy a better target for those who have money to "throw at the birds" than this

Fundamentalists in New York seek to raise \$400,000, the richest city's quota for the \$5,000,000 William J. Bryan Memorial university at Dayton, Tennessee.

Mr. Bryan, a powerful, sincere man, deserves a memorial. He ought to have something better than an institution intended to check and rebuke scientific research.

### Pastor Spurns Part In Bryan University, Scoring 'Foundation'

BALTIMORE, Nov. 12.—Dr. Peter Ainslie, pastor of the Christian temple here, has written Malcolm Lockhart, director of the Bryan memorial university association at Dayton, Tenn., declining a trusteeship in the proposed university, asserting a relief that it is "most unfortunate to found a university on the interpretations to which William Jennings Bryan gave himself."

Globe Gaz Times  
Mason City, Ia.  
July 18, 1930

Telegraph  
Macon, Ga.  
11-6-26

### CLOSING THE DOOR ON TRUTH

A PRESIDENT has been named for William Jennings Bryan Memorial university at Dayton, Tenn. Dr. George B. Guille of Athens, Tenn., described as a "staunch champion of fundamentalism," has been chosen to direct the educational program of this institution built on the site of the famous Bryan monkey trial.

Dr. Guille in his first announcement says:

"I have seen the great opportunity of building a high-grade institution of learning to be internationally known for its belief in the Bible as inspired by the word of God. I am happy to be associated with it. I have met local trustees in Dayton and was quickly convinced of the zeal for what they regard as a sacred trust."

That is a high-sounding pronouncement but it isn't what Dr. Guille has in mind. If he's talked with the "local trustees in Dayton," he knows that they are insistent on closing the door of learning to anything which tends toward the theory of evolution. Every denominational college is based on a "belief in the Bible as inspired by the word of God." This talk by the new president is no more than a smoke screen.

The Tennessee college may flourish so far as enrollment and endowment are concerned. But so long as it imposes a bar to the quest after truth in any direction, it cannot contribute greatly to the world's sum-total of knowledge. Its very foundation rock is a violation of the spirit of true learning.

Dr. Guille may be an excellent businessman. We suspect that he is. But we're inclined to discount quite heavily his educational attainments or possibilities.

### Bryan "University"

Ground has been broken for the Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn. At ceremonies held Thursday on a hilltop overlooking the town where the Great Commoner enacted the last big scene of his dramatic career and where he died, Governor Peay accepted deeds to the property which will become Bryan University.

A memorial to Bryan in Dayton is altogether fitting. The man once called the Peerless Leader was worthy of a great monument. To call his monument a university, while dedicating it to a program which will bar utterly a great branch of human knowledge, speculation and research, is a grotesque misnomer. If the word university as applied to a place of instruction means anything at all, it means that all knowledge available to mankind shall be open to those capable of absorbing it. To submit an institution to ecclesiastical domination in the matter of curriculum, no matter how clean and clear the motive, is to close a door to much that a university must have. To submit an institution to the domination of a group which holds the teaching of the theory of evolution to be blasphemy and defilement is to dedicate it to bigotry. Bryan was more than a bigot and he deserves a better memorial.

News  
Seminole, Okla.  
Sept. 24, 1930

## EDUCATION IN A PROCRUSTEAN BED

William Jennings Bryan University opened its doors to its first freshman class in the Mea High School building at Dayton, Tenn., Sept. 18, pending the completion of its own college building.

In the words of its prospectus, it is to be "an institution which recognizes revelation and accepts the supernatural." Under the provisions of its charter it can appoint no one of its faculty who will not profess belief in the direct inspiration and infallibility of the Bible, the virgin birth, the story of creation as presented the Book of Genesis, "the bodily resurrection of all persons, judgment to come, the ever lasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost." The charter further provides that "this platform shall never be changed or amended but shall constitute the religious belief of the institution as long as it shall endure." The personnel of the faculty has not yet been announced, but the prospectus assures us that "the highest educational and scholastic standards will be observed from the beginning and all teachers associated with the institution for the first year will have either a doctor's or a master's degree.

The new college frankly proclaims its purpose to elevate dogma above inquiry, creed above science, authority above reason. It proudly embraces as its educational goal the inculcation of belief rather than the stimulation of thought. It thus proposes at the very outset to deny to its students the experience of a real education, by placing barriers in the path of their thought. Its purpose, we feel, is a mistaken one. Teachers of ability and character will not subscribe to ancient creeds which stand in the way of honest research. Students will scarcely respect or follow professors who nominally accept views which they do not actually hold. Nor will religious belief be well served by the forcible suppression of criticism.

William Jennings Bryan made a valuable contribution to American life. For many years, better than any other, he represented the interests of the common people as against those of the powerful minority. It was Bryan, more than any other man, who prepared the ground for the growth of progressivism which bore fruit in the legislation enacted in the early years of the Wilson administration. It is a pity that his lasting memorial should be one which will stand as a permanent reminder of the least useful phase of his great career.

News  
Greensboro, N.C.  
Sept. 22, 1930

## BRYAN MEMORIAL.

Bryan Memorial university, established for the purpose of maintaining the view of the late William Jennings Bryan as to the mechanics of creation, has opened for its first session at Dayton, Tenn., scene of the Great Commoner's last stand in defense of verbal inspiration.

Sufficient endowment for the operation of an experimental college has been secured. There is no law against its calling itself a university. This it may become, but hardly unless it amplifies its purpose. As designed by the late Mr. Bryan's friends it is to serve as a stronghold of fundamentalism, which while no doubt just as an effective an attitude as another is not the last word in knowledge.

Bryan Memorial and its faculty will undertake to fit human experience into what fundamentalists are pleased to designate as the divine plan. That which does not square with the theology which insists upon the scriptures as a road map of the course of human events will be ignored or condemned. That, we would maintain, is the business of those who have established and will support this new institution of allegedly higher learning. No one is compelled to matriculate at Bryan Memorial, which cannot force its own entrance into the association of American universities and colleges. No intelligent person would think of denying to it the right to live, move and have its being amongst us.

And if this mission—we hold it to be that rather than a college or university in the generally accepted sense—wishes to consider itself something that it is not, there is ample precedent.

If we were minded to prophesy, however, we would predict that within a comparatively few years Bryan Memorial will be just another college, with football team, cheer-leaders and yells which cannot be told from those of a thousand and one other institutions scattered about the country, living from hand to mouth and worried more about the cultural background of matriculates than their souls' salvation.

Within a half-dozen college generations not one out of ten students of Bryan Memorial will have read a speech by the man for whom their institution was named and 33 1-3 per cent will think Leviticus was the chap who with Spartacus and Horatius did the structural steel work on the bridge of San Luis Rey.

News—  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Nov. 12, 1925

## AINSLIE CRITICIZES BRYAN SCHOOL IDEA

Baltimore Pastor Refuses  
Trusteeship—Says Move-  
ment Unfortunate.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 12.—(A. P.)—Dr. Peter Ainslie, pastor of the Christian temple here, has written Malcolm Lockhart, director of the Bryan Memorial University association, at Dayton, Tenn., declining a trusteeship in the proposed university, asserting a belief that "it is most unfortunate to found a university on the interpretations to which William Jennings Bryan gave himself."

Dr. Ainslie expressed regret that he found himself unable to serve and declared that he had esteemed Mr. Bryan highly, "but I feel," he said, "that his closing days could have been better spent than in the field to which he unreservedly gave himself." "I feel," Dr. Ainslie concluded, "that in the matter of education it is as unfortunate to have schools such as that which your community is planning to start as it is to have denominational schools. Neither has a place in modern education."

Los Angeles, CAL

EXAMINER

Jan 13, 1927

FUNDAMENTALISTS in New York seek to raise \$400,000, the richest city's quota, for the \$5,000,000 William J. Bryan Memorial University at Dayton, Tenn.

Mr. Bryan, a powerful, sincere man, deserves a memorial. He ought to have something better than an institution intended to check and rebuke scientific research.



## **X. SCHOOL OPENING**

These articles are from 1930 and are about the opening of the school. they chronicle the choice of Dr. George E. Guille as president and Malcolm Lockhart as vice president.

These articles also describe the beliefs in the statement of faith that would be required of all faculty

They also describe the beginning, in late 1926, of the construction of the first building. It was just the foundation. The contract to actually build the building was not signed until early 1930.

One of the articles describes the opening ceremony on September 25, 1930.

Times  
Valdosta, Ga.  
July 10, 1930

## Bryan Memorial Will Open Soon In Tennessee Town

Dayton, Tenn., July 10—(P)—Bryan Memorial University, being erected here as a tribute to William Jennings Bryan, today had as its first president, Dr. George E. Guille, of Athens, Tenn., who, like the Commoner, is a staunch advocate of fundamentalism.

The selection of Dr. Guille, a worker of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for more than 15 years, was announced by F. E. Robinson, president of Bryan University Memorial association.

Malcolm Lockhart, University of Georgia graduate and one of the financial backers of the university, was elected vice president.

Almost within the shadows of the Rhea county courthouse where William Jennings Bryan waged his last battle for fundamentalism in the John T. Scopes anti-evolution trial the administration building of Bryan Memorial University is nearing completion.

Special classes will begin September 18, Mr. Robinson said, in the old Rhea county high school building and will continue there until the university is completed.

News Era  
Decatur, Ga.  
July 17, 1930

## Mr. Lockhart Is University Head

Malcolm Lockhart, for many years a resident of Decatur, with his home on Church street, has been elected vice-president of the new University in Tennessee that will bear the name of William Jennings Bryan, it is announced this week.

Mr. Lockhart, who is a graduate of the University of Georgia, was one of the financial promoters of the new institution.

Journal  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
July 14, 1930

## Heads Bryan U.



NEA Knoxville Bureau  
Bryan Memorial University, soon to open at Dayton, Tenn., for the education of youth along lines sanctioned by "the old time religion," will have as its president Dr. George E. Guille, above, who has just been named. Dr. Guille, native of Athens, Tenn., has been associated with the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for 15 years.

News  
Macon, Ga.  
August 30, 1930

## Macon J. J. Jones University Staff

Dwight W. Ryther of Macon, brother to Fenley Ryther, of 744 Patterson street, has been elected to the faculty of William Jennings Bryan university in Dayton, Tenn., where he will be an instructor in English and history.

Mr. Ryther, a graduate of the University of Georgia, has already left for Dayton, Tenn., although the doors of the university will not be open to freshmen until September 18.

DAYTON, Tenn., Aug. 30. (P)—The entire faculty of the William Jennings Bryan university has now been selected.

The personnel includes Dr. George E. Guille, who has been elected as president of the University. Dr. Guille, of Athens, Tenn., has been connected with the Moody Bible institute for more than 15 years. He is a graduate of the Southwestern Presbyterian university.

Frank W. Spindler, who has been elected dean, has been the assistant dean of the Berry school of Rome, Ga., for the past three years. He is a graduate of Sidney Hampton college and the University of Virginia. Professor Spindler will teach mathematics and Latin.

Telegraph  
Macon, Ga.  
July 10, 1930

## HEAD OF BRYAN SCHOOL CHOSEN

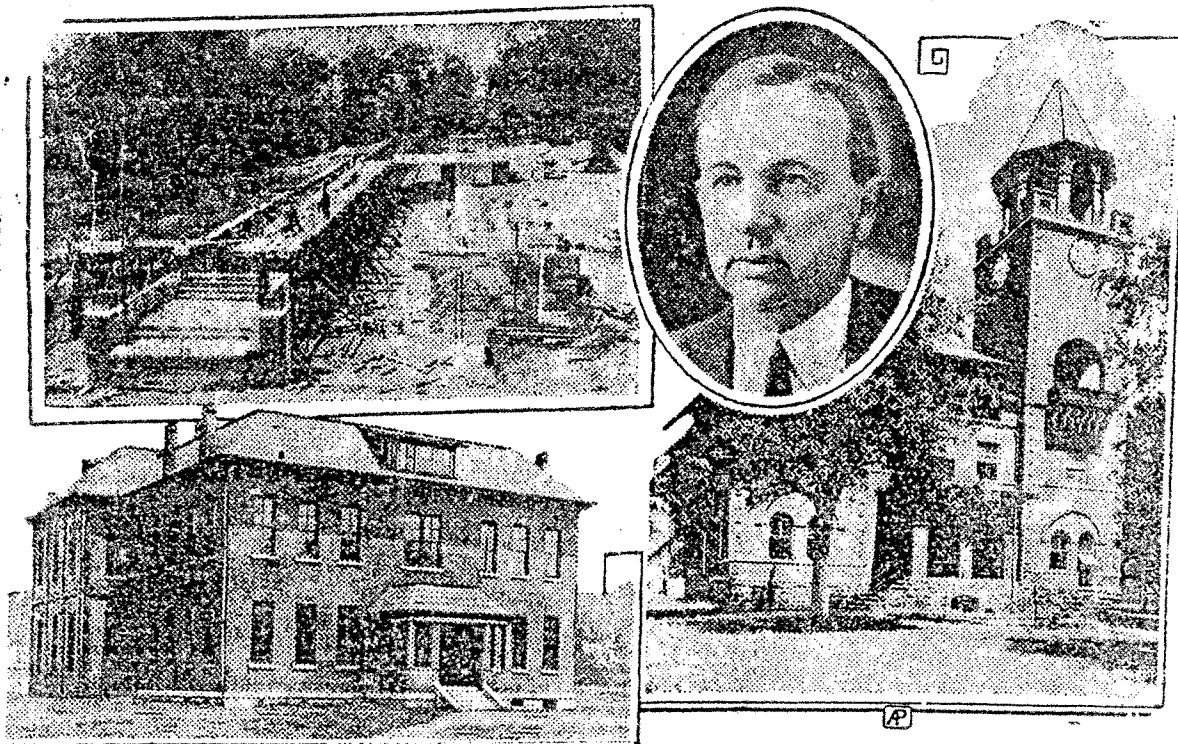
Univ. of Ga. Graduate Picked  
As Vice President

DAYTON, Tenn., July 9. (P)—Dr. George E. Guille, of Athens, Tenn., a stout champion of Fundamentalism, was chosen today to head the university that will bear the name of William Jennings Bryan.

Announcement of the election of Dr. Guille, a worker of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, for more than 15 years, was made tonight by F. E. Robinson, president of Bryan University Memorial association.

Mr. Robinson also announced the election of Malcolm Lockhart, graduate of the University of Georgia and one of the financial promoters of the Bryan university, as vice-president.

## Bryan University Scopes Trial Sequel



Sequel to the famous evolution trial, Bryan university, at Dayton, Tenn., will open temporarily in Rhea high school (lower left) this fall, with F. E. Robinson (upper right) as president. Foundation of first building (upper left) is completed. Scopes trial courthouse at lower right.

DAYTON, Tenn. (AP)— Out of the famous "monkey trial" of 1925, a university is growing.

It will open in September as a fundamentalist school to commemorate the principles of William Jennings Bryan and to stand as a monument to him in the little city in which he championed his last cause—that of the fundamentalists against the teaching of the theory of evolution in the public schools of Tennessee.

The Commoner came to Dayton to fight for the preservation of Tennessee's anti-evolution law of 1925, the constitutionality of which was questioned by some. He died suddenly the day after the trial ended.

Now, after five years, work is under way on the first building of what will be a \$350,000 plant. Freshman classes will open in September in the old Rhea county high school building where John T. Scopes, defendant in the evolution case, taught.

Scopes, teacher of biology, was charged in a test case with teaching the theory of evolution, contrary to the state law.

After a lengthy legal battle, in which Bryan aided in the prosecution and Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone, famous attorneys, assisted in the defense, Scopes was convicted.

The jury fixed no penalty and the judge assessed the minimum

The state supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the act, but recommended that a nolle prosequi be entered in the Scopes case holding that the judge who assessed the \$100 fine exceeded his jurisdiction. Under Tennessee law, a judge cannot impose a fine of more than \$50.

From a newspaperman present at the trial came the suggestion that a university be established in honor of Bryan. The idea won favor in Dayton and Bryan was advised of the plan. He revealed that he, too, had ideas of establishing a school for boys and that provision for such an institution had been made in his will. He consented to change his will to make the Dayton school the beneficiary.

The Commoner, however, expressed the opinion that a university was too great an undertaking. A group of Dayton business men arranged to meet with him the Monday after the close of the trial to discuss plans. The meeting never was held. Bryan died on Sunday.

The group carried on its plans for a university, however, and organized the Bryan Memorial University association. F. E. Robinson, Dayton druggist in whose store a discussion led to opening of the case, was named president. Wallace C. Haggard, one of the prosecuting attorneys, was chosen treasurer and Joe F. Benson, also of Dayton, secretary.

Muncie, Ind.  
March 22, 1930

## NEW COLLEGE TO BE OPENED

Institution Is Outgrowth of  
Scopes Trial.

BY ROBERT TALLEY.

DAYTON, Tenn., March 22.—The "old time religion" is to be protected against the attacks of modernistic education by "fifty thousand fundamentalists, fighting for the faith of our fathers" who think enough of their faith to give \$100 each.

Here in the hills of East Tennessee, where five years ago William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow fought their famous battle on the sides of God and the Devil, as many viewed it, the Bryan Memorial University is getting ready to open classes in September. For of evolution and defender of the faith, it is designed to provide a college education that will be in full accord with the teachings of the Bible.

### Pledge for Faculty.

Every university official and faculty member will be required to make solemn affirmation of the following points and, to guard against possible backsliders, repeat this affirmation once each year:

1. We believe that the Holy Bible is of final and supreme authority in faith and life and, being inspired by God, is inerrant.
2. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, this trinity being one God, externally existing in three persons.
3. We believe in the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that the origin of man was by fiat of God in the act of creation as related in the Book of Genesis.
5. We believe that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are in need of a Savior for reconciliation with God.
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Savior, that He was crucified for our sins, according to the Scriptures.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of Jesus, in His ascension into Heaven and in "that blessed hope," the personal return to this earth of Jesus Christ, where He shall reign forever.
8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all persons, judgment to come, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

### \$5,000,000 Institution.

President of the Bryan Memorial University Association, now raising \$5,000,000 in the form of subscriptions of \$100 each from 50,000 fundamentalists throughout the nation, is Dr. F. Earl Robinson. The campaign director is Malcolm Lockhart of Decatur, Ga., who has raised funds for numerous southern

colleges.

To date a little more than \$900,000 has been pledged and about \$225,000 collected. An 84-acre campus has been purchased on a hill overlooking the Rhea County courthouse where the famous "monkey trial" of Prof. John T. Scopes was held in June, 1925. Foundations have been laid for the 456-foot, four story main college building, and just recently a \$70,000 contract for the concrete and steel framework was let. Finished three years hence, it will be of Tennessee sandstone, of imposing collegiate Gothic architecture, of a design closely resembling Princeton.

In advance of the completion of the buildings, classes will be opened in September and, singularly enough, in the old Rhea County High School where Prof. Scopes taught, as Bryan called it, "that damnable theory." A new high school is being erected and the county will turn the old one over to the university for temporary use.

President and faculty of the university are to be announced soon, according to Dr. Robinson. The president, he said, will be a noted educator.

### Will Teach Science.

"Sure, we are going to teach science—and why not?" says Dr. Robinson. "We are going to teach the theory of evolution, too—but, mind you, I say the theory. We put that question to Mrs. Bryan a short time before she died. She said, 'Surely, teach science, but teach fact as fact and theory as theory.'"

"We haven't any quarrel with the evolutionists. If they want to believe they descended from monkeys, we don't care. But we do object to scientists presenting mere theories to our children as cold facts."

The curriculum will be about the same as that of any other university. The school will be Protestant, orthodox, non-sectarian.

Dr. Robinson—or "Doc," as he is familiarly known—is just about the whole noise in Dayton. It was at a soda water table in his drug store that the argument that led to the world-famous Scopes evolution trial began. The young men-about-town were sipping their soda waters and talking about the new anti-evolution law just passed by the Tennessee legislature when Scopes, the young high school professor, chimed in and said, "I'm violating that law every day."

### Originally "Home-Talent Show"

Somebody, thirsting for some excitement, suggested a trial. Somebody else popped up and offered to go on Scopes' bond. Scopes was shy at first, but finally consented to a test case. So it started, just as a home-talent show. Then the World Fundamentalist convention, meeting at Memphis, heard about it and enraged Bryan to defend the faith. The answer to that was Clarence Darrow, who rushed down from Chicago to defend Scopes—and the devil, too, as many saw it.

Everything in Dayton dates from that trial; the town folks still talk about it just as though it happened yesterday. They tell you of the army of 300 newspaper men who swarmed here, how the streets were roped off for the thousands of visitors, how newspaper correspondents telegraphed 300,000 words daily out of Dayton, of that hot afternoon when Darrow cross-examined Bryan on his faith in the Bible of Bryans' death a few days later at the scene of his last triumph.

### Sees Divine Hand.

"Doc" Robinson, a staunch Presbyterian, sees the hand of Providence guiding it all.

"Yes," he tells you as he mixes another drink at his soda fount, "there was a purpose behind it all the way through. It didn't 'just happen' that we got to talking it in the drug store that day, that the World Fundamentalist convention was meeting in Memphis just at the right time, that Bryan came here to defend the Bible. No, sir; all of that didn't 'just happen.'"

The old southern home where Bryan died in his sleep that Sunday afternoon just after the trial is visited by numerous tourists.

Just once has Clarence Darrow returned to Dayton. En route from Florida about two years ago, he drove up to "Doc" Robinson's drug store and got out. A crowd collected, for Darrow, despite his beliefs, is well liked personally in Dayton.

"What's that building over there, Doc?" Darrow grinned as he hitched his thumbs in his galluses and nodded to the new \$50,000 Presbyterian Church across the street.

"Why," replied Dr. Robinson, "that's our new church; the second church we have built since you were in Dayton last."

Darrow grinned again — and winked at the crowd around the little drug store.

"Well," he said, "it doesn't look like the devil and I did very much good here, does it?"

Dade City, Fla  
PASCA COUNTY NEWS

Mar 21, 1930

## Bryan Memorial Starts A Drive

The Bryan Memorial University has begun to rise at Dayton, as a monument to William Jennings Bryan and his fundamentalist principles, and work on the administration building as the first unit of the university will speed up considerably this week when erection of the concrete and steel superstructure is begun by a Knoxville contractor.

The directors of the Bryan Memorial University association have announced that the \$80,000 contract for this work, has early been let the foundation having been laid previously at a cost of \$40,000. The building when completed will cost approximately \$350,000. It is being financed from the assets of the association consisting of cash and subscriptions totalling \$750,000, in addition to the eighty-four acre campus and twenty-two acres of quarry lands.

The architects plans for the administration building call for a rotunda which will be a memorial room to Bryan. It will contain paintings, statuary, and a portion of library, gifts to the university by members of his family.

The directors of the association recently announced that the school would be opened in September to Freshmen classes in the Rhea County High School building where Scopes taught evolution in violation of Tennessee law. The use of the high school building was unanimously voted to the university by the Rhea County board of education.

Of the \$750,000 subscribed for the university to date, Pennsylvania, New York and Tennessee have each contributed more than \$100,000. Promotional work is under the direction of Malcolm Lackhart, with national field headquarters now at St. Louis.

News

Griffin, Ga.

Sept 27, 1926

## Officials Bryan Memorial Express Great Optimism

DAYTON, O., Sept. 27.—Officials of the Bryan Memorial University association on their return here from Asheville, N. C., expressed optimism of their trip.

The committee, on their return trip, stopped off at Knoxville, Tenn., and inspected the University of Tennessee buildings and campus and at Johnson City, Tenn., and gave the Tennessee State Normal and Old Soldiers Home the "once over."

Valuable data was obtained for the architects and contractors by the committee from Montreat, N. C., where the buildings are constructed from native stones.

Plans are to make the Bryan Memorial buildings distinctive and unique in utilizing every available native material in construction.

The buildings will be erected with stone materials to be taken from the property donated to the school. The small stream near the campus contains round creek boulders and white sand. Red Mountain limestone and white hard limestone are within half a mile of the campus.

The rock quarry, Dayton's "Great Stone Face," looking down from the mountainside, will provide an unlimited amount of white limestone for the construction of the buildings.

Parkersburg, W. VA

SPRINGFIELD

Nov 5, 1926

### WILL HONOR BRYAN

Dayton, Tenn., Nov. 5.—(AP)—Work began today on the first unit of the Bryan Memorial university, to be built on a knoll overlooking the little town in which William Jennings Bryan died. The structure will cost approximately \$250,000.

Washington, Pa

OBSERVER

Nov. 6, 1926

## WORK IS STARTED ON THE BRYAN MEMORIAL

Dayton, Tenn., Nov. 5.—(A.P.)—Work began today on the first unit of the Bryan Memorial university, to be built on a knoll overlooking the little town in which William Jennings Bryan died.

Gov. Austin Peay, who Tuesday was re-elected for a third time, participated in ground-breaking ceremonies yesterday.

The structure, which has been planned for the Bryan Memorial university, will cost approximately \$250,000.

Times Courier  
Marianna.  
March 13, 1930

## Bryan Memorial Contract Awarded

Dayton, Tenn., March 10.—The Bryan Memorial University has begun to rise here as a monument to William Jennings Bryan and his fundamentalist principles, and work on the administration building as the first unit of the university will speed up considerably this week when erection of the concrete and steel superstructure is begun by a Knoxville contractor.

The directors of the Bryan Memorial University association have announced that the \$80,000 contract for this work, was let early this month, the foundation having been laid previously at a cost of \$40,000. The building when completed will cost approximately \$350,000. It is being financed from the assets of the association consisting of cash and subscriptions totalling \$750,000, in addition to the eighty-four acre campus and twenty-two acres of quarry lands.

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Express  
Sanford, N.C.  
Sept. 25, 1930

### William Jennings Bryan University and Its Beginnings.

(By Annie M. Cole.)

Dayton, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Today the opening exercises of the William Jennings Bryan University were held in the court room of Rhea county, Tennessee. The faculty, some of the members of the campaign committee, and some of the prominent men of the town were on the platform when the town turned out to attend the exercises. It was a distinguished looking body of men that would have done credit to a much older institution than this.

After the singing of the hymns, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Faith of Our Fathers," came the invocation by one of the local preachers, and an address of welcome by the mayor of Dayton. Vice-President Malcolm Lockhart, who also has charge of the finance campaign, gave on account of the work they had been doing along this line; and the dean Mr. Frank Spindler, of Georgia, discussed courses and credits as they are planned for the coming year, showing that the boys and girls who wish may enroll here, now, for the freshman year without fear of loss, either in the line of instruction or credit. Already about fifty have enrolled. Classes will begin next Monday and continue there until some of the college buildings are ready for occupancy.

Mrs. Montague, wife of one of the instructors, gave a violin solo that delighted the audience, after which the president, Dr. George E. Guille, gave as the subject of his inaugural address "Wisdom, Human and Divine," in which he told the familiar story of how Voltaire boasted that with his writings he would obscure and make the people forget the Bible, and how, later, that very room had been used to store the writings of the Holy Scripture.

Only five years before the Scopes trial was held in the very same room in which the opening exercises of an institution that recognizes revelation and accepts the supernatural, were now being held, and gave the Bible reference Jeremiah 9:23. It was a most inspiring address. Let us hope and pray that this institution, so newly organized, may become a storehouse of knowledge and truth to the people now and to future generations of this and many other parts of the world.

The site of the college is on the top of a high hill overlooking narrow valleys to the east, west and south. To the north is a plain stretching out which is believed to be large enough for the accommodation of the later

growth. So far, there is only one building which gives promise of a large future. Dimension, 80x400 feet. Years ago the writer visited this hill as it is called (though to the eyes of one accustomed to the lower hill country it looks quite like a mountain) when it was a chestnut covered hill, with no sign of human molestation except the sheds for the packers from the nearby fields of the late J. T. Matthews, by whom a large part of this 80 acres campus to be was donated. It was autumn. The ground was thickly covered with leaves in which the children of the party scratched for the toothsome chestnuts, not always with happy results, for the velvet lined prickly chestnut burr often reminded one that every chestnut, as well as every rose, has its thorn.

Today as I climbed the narrow foot path leading up from the south instead of the broad road that leads to the future entrance the steep hillside looked quite familiar, and at the top no matter what direction one looked the hills with their blue haze remained the same and must ever remind one of the Psalmist when he says, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." Everywhere the blue haze hangs over the wooded hills and mountains which rise in irregular peaks against the sky. The beauty of these Cumberland mountains just here is indiscernable. Lone Mountain, Walden's Ridge, and other peaks rise, some nearby, the peaks separating to show others a little farther away, and they in turn as they grow smaller at the tops disclose others still farther until it looks as if there was no end.



Knoxville, Tenn

JOURNAL

Mar 5, 1930

## GETS AWARD ON BRYAN COLLEGE

Memorial University Contract  
Goes To Local Man.

STARTS IMMEDIATELY

V. L. Nicholson To Build Day-  
ton Administration Building.

Contract for the construction of the administration building of the new Bryan Memorial university to be built at Dayton, Tenn., was signed in the offices of Manley and Young, local architects, yesterday with V. L. Nicholson, Knoxville contractor, by F. E. Robinson, president, and Joe F. Brown, secretary, of the Bryan Memorial association. The first unit of the new university will cost approximately \$400,000.

Foundation for the building has already been completed and is 420 feet in length and sixty feet in width.

### Three-Story Building.

Contract with the Nicholson company will call for a reinforced concrete structure, three stories in height, which when completed will be one of the most modern collegiate buildings in the south.

The exterior will be of mountain sandstone and will be trimmed with cut limestone. The interior will be fireproof and the roof is to be made of variegated tile.

The tower which will be forty feet square at the base and ninety-two feet high, will be the central feature of the administration building.

### Start Immediately.

The work is to start immediately and the association hopes that it will be completed by the first of the year.

The administration building will be the first to be placed on an eighty-acre tract.

Malcolm Lockhart, national director of the Bryan Memorial association, was with the two officials here yesterday when the contract was signed.